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## INTRODUCTION

This small collection of Arabic idioms is intended for both Arab students of English and for English-speaking students of Arabic. The aims of the compiler have been to stimulate the interest of the student of Arabic in the richness of Arabic expression and to introduce the native Arabic-speaker to varieties of idiomatic translation.

For the foreign student of Arabic it may seem daunting that modern Arabic, even the much-maligned newspaper version, draws on such a wealth of sources: the Koran, Hadith, poetry ancient and modern, proverbs and rhyming prose, etc. This small collection gives samples from these and other sources with the aim of smoothing the path of the student.

The native speaker of Arabic may find it useful to study the various possibilities for translating into idiomatic English almost any of the examples given. Much will depend, of course, on the context as to whether one chooses this piece of idiomatic English or that. There could be a world of difference, for example in rendering 'marhaba!' by

- أ -

1. Always, and for ever.      دَائِمًا وَأَبَدًا      .١  
(Suggestion of rhyming prose.)
2. For ever and ever.      إِلَى أَبَدِ الْآبِدِينَ      .٢
3. Never.      لَا ... أَبَدًا      .٣
4. Name of famous poet.      تَابَّطَ شَرًّا      .٤  
Literally, "He who made  
off with evil under his arms".
5. At the time of....      إِبَان      .٥  
(preposition).
6. A formal gathering to  
commemorate the good  
qualities of the deceased.      حَفْلَةٌ تَأْيِينَ      .٦

'Hi!', or 'Hullo!' or 'Welcome!', to mention only a few possibilities. This may be a good point at which to remind students that there is a vast difference between 'He is very rich' and 'He is too rich' which can be rendered in the same words in Arabic.

The selection of items for translation is based on taking the Arabic as the origin. The arrangement is alphabetical by root and it will be obvious immediately that the selection is a very subjective one. The compiler has, in choosing from many thousands of items made personal judgements about which items he has found in most common use. Postillions-and-lightning juxtapositions have been studiously avoided.

Items have been numbered consecutively irrespective of alphabetical divisions and it is hoped that this feature plus the parallel text arrangement will help students in self-testing and teachers in assigning and testing learning. Teachers will inevitably find that they wish to add to the possibilities for English idioms (which have been deliberately kept to a meaningful minimum) and may find this collection a useful mine for compiling sentences to illustrate meaning more fully.

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أبه

٧. A matter of no importance. أَمْرٌ لَا يُؤْبَهُ بِهِ

أبو

٨. Parents. الأَبَوَانِ

٩. (A characteristic handed أَبَا عَنْ جَدٍّ

down by) the father from  
the grandfather.

أبى

١٠. Whether you like it or not. شِئْتُمْ أَمْ أَبَيْتُمْ

أتى

١١. As follows. كَالْآتِي

١٢. Inappropriate circum- ظُرُوفٌ غَيْرُ مُوَائِيَةٍ

stances; unfavourable situation.

أنر

١٣. He was not hurt ; suffered لَمْ يَتَأَثَّرْ بِأَذَى  
no damage; came to no harm.

إثر

١٤. Following ; after ;  
subsequent to  
(Preposition.)

أَجَلٌ

١٥. Certainly ! Of course ! أَجَلٌ !

By all means !

١٦. Indefinitely ; sine die. إِلَى أَجَلٍ غَيْرِ مُسَمًّى

أَخَذَ

١٧. He shouldered/bore the أَخَذَ الْمَسْئُولِيَّةَ عَلَى  
responsibility. عَاتِقِهِ

١٨. He took the necessary إِتَّخَذَ الإِجْرَاءَاتِ  
steps/measures. اللَّازِمَةَ

١٩. Give-and-take. أَخَذَ وَرَدَّ

٢٠. He took it seriously. أَخَذَهَا مَأْخَذَ الْجَدِّ

أَخَر

٢١. Life hereafter ; the after الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ  
life.

٢٢. From time to time. مِنْ حِينٍ إِلَى آخَرَ

أخو

٢٣. "O ! Brethren !" (As in أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ !  
the opening address  
of a speech).



أَدَمَ

٢٤. An amiable person. (Lit :  
'Like Adam'.) Human,  
approachable, etc.

أَدَى

٢٥. He performed (the  
أَدَى فَرِيضَةَ الْحَجِّ  
obligation of) the Hajj  
(Pilgrimage to Mecca in the  
month of pilgrimage).

٢٦. .... which will inevitably  
مِمَّا سَيُؤَدِّي حَتْمًا  
lead to.... إِلَى ....

إِذْ

٢٧. 'In thanking Mr. .... we  
إِذْ نَشْكُرُ السَّيِّدَ ...  
must not forget .....'  
عَلَيْنَا أَلَّا نَنْسَى

أَذِنَ

٢٨. The call to prayer of :  
أَذَانُ الْفَجْرِ /  
Dawn ; Noontime ; Late  
الظُّهْرِ / الْعَصْرِ /  
Afternoon ; Sunset ;  
المَغْرِبِ / الْعِشَاءِ  
Evening.

٢٩. Announcing the end  
إِذَانًا بِانْتِهَاءِ ...  
of ....

أَذَى

٣٠. He was not hurt ; suffered  
لَمْ يُصَبَّ بِأَذَى  
no injury.

أَرْضَ

٣١. The Holy Land. (Used for  
الأراضي المُقَدَّسَةُ .  
both Palestine and Mecca/Medina).

أَزِمَ

٣٢. The situation become  
تَأَزَّمتِ الأَوْضَاعُ  
critical/one of crisis.

أَسَّ

٣٣. On the basis that....  
عَلَى أَسَاسٍ أَن ...  
٣٤. There is no foundation in it of  
لَا أَسَاسَ لَهَا مِنْ  
truth. الصَّحَّةِ

أَسْتَدَ

٣٥. The main ledger  
دَفْتَرُ أَسْتَدِ  
(Accounting).

أَسْرَ

٣٦. The whole/entire world.  
العَالَمُ بِأَسْرِهِ

knows where the shoulder is  
best eaten from !')

44. Full board. (Lit. : eating and **أَكَلَ** and **وَشَرَبَ** and **وَنَوَّمَ** drinking and sleeping).

الَّتِي

45. After much ado ; after a good **بَعْدَ اللَّتَا** and **وَالَّتِي** deal of beating around the bush.

أَلْفَ

46. From beginning to end ; from **مِنَ الْأَلِفِ** to **لِلْيَاءِ** Alpha to Omega. (Esp. in context of knowing a subject thoroughly).

أَلَهَ

47. There is no God but God. **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ**.

48. God, may He be **اللَّهُ، سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** praised and exalted !

49. God, may His majesty be **اللَّهُ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ** glorified !

50. God, may He be exalted and **اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ** glorified !

أَسْفَ

37. What a great pity ! It is such a **يَا لِلْأَسْفِ !** share ! It is so regrettable.

38. With the greatest regret. **مَعَ الْأَسْفِ الشَّدِيدِ**.

أَسَا

39. In the same manner as/ **أُسْوَةً بِ** following the example of.

أَصْلَ

40. The dispute already existing **الْخِلَافُ الْحَاصِلُ** أصلاً (Note various ways of rendering 'already').

41. In accordance with basic **حَسَبَ الْأَصُولِ** principles ; as is only fitting, etc.

أَكَّدَ

42. For sure ; no doubt about it. **بِكُلِّ تَأْكِيدٍ**

أَكَلَ

43. He knows how to go about **يَعْرِفُ مِنْ أَيْنَ** things. (Suggestion of **تَوَكَّلُ الْكَثِيفُ** opportunism. Lit. : 'He



٥١. اللَّهُمَّ... Lit. : 'O God !' In prose often

introduces 'except if', with the sense, '... or at best...'

٥٢. اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْقَدِيرُ. God, the Most High, the Almighty.

٥٣. اللَّهُ السَّمِيعُ الْمُجِيبُ God, Who hears and responds.

٥٤. بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ. With God's permission.

٥٥. بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ. If God wills.

أَلَا

٥٦. لَنْ نَأْلُو جُهْدًا. We shall spare no effort.

إِلَى

٥٧. إِلَى غَيْرِ ذَلِكَ. And so on; etc.; and similar things.

أَمَّ

٥٨. أَمُّ الْقُرَى. Mecca.

أَمْسٍ

٥٩. أَوَّلُ مِنْ أَمْسٍ. The day before yesterday.

أَمَلْ

٦٠. دَهَبْنَا إِلَى هُنَاكَ. We went there in the hope that... (N.B. Use of verbal noun).

أَنْتَ

٦١. الْمُؤَنَّثُ وَالْمَذَكَّرُ. The feminine and the masculine. (Grammar).

أَنْفَ

٦٢. رُغِمَ أَنْفُهُ. In spite of him (Lit. : 'of his nose'!).

أَهَبَ

٦٣. عَلَى أَهْبَةِ الاسْتِعْدَادِ. In a state of complete preparedness; on full alert.

آبَ

٦٤. ذَهَابًا وَإِيَابًا. Going and returning; roundtrip (travel term).

آلَ

٦٥. مِنْ أَوَّلِهِ إِلَى آخِرِهِ. From beginning to end.

٦٦. أَوَّلُو الْأُمُورِ. Those who have charge or responsibility; guardians (of children, for example); parents.

٦٧. أولو الحلّ والعقدّ Those with great power and influence. (Lit. : 'to bind and loose,).

آن

٦٨. حان الآن The time has come.  
 ٦٩. سابق لأوانه Premature.  
 ٧٠. قَبْلَ الآن Hitherto ; before now ; already.

أوى

٧١. آيات الله البينات The Koran. (Lit. : 'God's clear signs')

أيّ

٧٢. أعجب به أيّ إعجاب He had the greatest admiration for him. (Lit. : '... what an admiration !').

آن

٧٣. أين هذا من ذلك ؟ There is no comparison between the two of them. (Lit. : 'Where is this from that?').

٧٤. من أين لك هذا ؟ Where do you get this from ?  
 How did you come by this ?  
 (Proverbial phrase,  
 ironical, in respect of  
 suspicious affluence).

بَدَّه

80. It is clear/obvious/ needs no saying that....  
 ٨٠. مِنْ الْبَدِيهِ

بَدَا

81. Apparently.  
 ٨١. مِمَّا يَبْدُو  
 82. Apparently.  
 ٨٢. عَلَى مَا يَبْدُو

بَذِيءٌ

83. Vile language.  
 ٨٣. كَلَامٌ بَذِيءٌ

بَذَلَ

84. He made every effort.  
 ٨٤. بَذَلَ كُلَّ جُهِودِهِ  
 85. He made the most extreme efforts/he did as much as he possibly could.  
 ٨٥. بَذَلَ قُصَارَى جُهِدِهِ

بَرَّ

86. An unjustified/unprovoked attack.  
 ٨٦. هُجُومٌ لَا مُبَرَّرَ لَهُ

٨٧. الابن البار

87. The good/dutiful son.

بَرَأَ

88. "Believe (even) in a stone and you will be healed". (Proverbial).  
 ٨٨. آمِنَ بِحَجَرٍ تَبْرَأُ

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ب

75. Including....  
 ٧٥. بِمَا فِي ذَلِكَ

بَتَّ

76. Parking strictly forbidden/ prohibited.  
 ٧٦. مَمْنُوعُ الْوُقُوفِ مَنَّعًا بَاتًا

بَحَرَ

77. By land, sea and air.  
 ٧٧. بَرًّا وَبَحْرًا وَجَوًّا

بَدَّ

78. He must/will have to/has no.. choice but to....  
 ٧٨. لَا بُدَّ لَهُ مِنْ أَنْ

بَدَأَ

79. To begin with.  
 ٧٩. بِأَدَى ذِي بَدْءٍ

89. He came in in a towering rage. دَخَلَ بُرْجًا مِنَ  
الْغَضَبِ .٨٩

90. He is still a wealthy man. مَا بَرِحَ غَنِيًّا .٩٠

91. An Absurd/silly/stupid  
question. سُؤَالَ بَارِدٍ .٩١

92. God bless you! بَارَكَ اللَّهُ فِيكَ ! .٩٢

93. He put the plan forward for  
discussion. وَضَعَ الْمَشْرُوعَ عَلَى  
بَسَاطِ الْبَحْثِ .٩٣

94. A glimmer of hope. بَصِيصٌ مِنَ الْأَمَلِ .٩٤

95. To some extent. بَعْضُ الشَّيْءِ .٩٥  
96. They hit each other. ضَرَبَ بَعْضُهُمْ  
بَعْضًا .٩٦

97. (Some do one thing while)  
others (do something else). ..... وَالْبَعْضُ  
الْآخَرُ ... .٩٧

98. Every house has a sewer/  
cesspool. ('Skeletons in the  
cupboard'). (Proverbial). بَلَعَ  
فِي كُلِّ بَيْتٍ بِالْوَعَةِ .٩٨

99. Give him my best wishes/  
regards! بَلَّغْهُ سَلَامِي ! .٩٩

100. The situation became  
crystallized. تَبَلَّوَرَ الْمَوْقِفُ .١٠٠

101. A decent chap. ابْنُ حَلَالٍ .١٠١

102. A man of good family. ابْنُ نَاسٍ .١٠٢

103. Lit.: 'a girl of yesterday.'  
Suggestion of: (nouveau-  
riche', 'arriviste' ; of no  
standing or background. بِنْتُ « أَمْبَارِح » .١٠٣

١٠٤. بِنْتُ شَفَةِ

104. A word. (Frequently in contexts such as '....and he didn't say a single word').

١٠٥. بِنَاءٌ عَلَى تَعْلِيمَاتٍ ...

105. In accordance with the instructions of.....

بَاغٍ

106. He has no idea what is going on/doesn't understand a thing. (Lit. : 'does not know the bend from his elbow').

بَالَ

107. Patient, long-suffering. طَوِيلُ الْبَالِ  
108. He paid no attention to what I was saying. لَمْ يُلْقِ بِكَلَامِي بَالًا

بَاضٌ

109. He did me credit (e.g. 'by his performance'). Lit. : 'He whitened my face'. بَيَّضَ وَجْهِي.

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تَبَعَ

110. In succession. تَبَاعًا ١١٠  
111. Follow-up committee. لَجَنَةُ الْمُتَابَعَةِ ١١١  
112. Satellite states. الدَّوَلُ التَّابِعَةُ ١١٢

تَحْتَ

113. At your disposal. تَحْتَ تَصَرُّفِكُمْ ١١٣

تَشْرِينُ

114. Between October and November there is a second summer. ('Indian summer'). بَيْنَ تَشْرِينٍ وَتَشْرِينٍ صَيْفٌ ثَانٍ ١١٤

تَعَبَ

115. Relaxation after strenuous effort (Proverbial). بَعْدَ التَّعَبِ الْفَرَجُ ١١٥

تَقَنَ

١١٦. He has a perfect command of the language. يُتَقَنُ اللُّغَةَ إِتْقَانًا

تَمَّ

١١٧. The house was built in 1948. تَمَّ إِنْشَاءُ الْبَيْتِ سَنَةَ ١٩٤٨.  
(Note rendering of English passive).

١١٨. Finished, praise be to God! تَمَّ بِحَمْدِ اللَّهِ  
(Frequently the closing words of a book or letter)

تَلَا

١١٩. And consequently.... وَبِالتَّالِي

تَمَسَّحَ

١٢٠. Crocodile tears. دُمُوعُ تِمْسَاحٍ

تَوَّ

١٢١. He has just arrived. جَاءَ لِتَوِّهِ

تَاحَ

١٢٢. He had the opportunity to work for.... أُتِيحَتْ لَهُ فُرْصَةٌ الْعَمَلِ لَدَى....

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ثَارَ

123. Taking revenge.

١٢٣. الْأَخْذُ بِالثَّارِ

ثَبَّتَ

124. He made his presence felt.

١٢٤. أَثْبَتَ وُجُودَهُ

ثَقُلَ

125. A person of heavy disposition/temperament/'hard going'.

١٢٥. ثَقِيلُ الدَّمِ

ثَمَّ

126. There is no doubt.

١٢٦. لَيْسَ ثَمَّةَ شَكٍّ

127. And hence/consequently...

١٢٧. وَمِنْ ثَمَّ...

ثَمَنَ

128. At whatever cost.

١٢٨. مَهْمَا كَلَّفَ الثَّمَنُ

129. Invaluable.

١٢٩. لَا يُقَدَّرُ ثَمَنُهُ



ثني

١٣٠. الاثنا عشرية. 130. The Twelvers (in Shia Islam).

ثار

١٣١. مثير للاهتمام. 131. Interesting.

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جاش

١٣٢. رباطة الجأش. 132. Self-control.

جث

١٣٣. جثة هامة. 133. A corpse.

جد

١٣٤. استجد معه شيء. 134. Something new turned up/

there was a new  
development which  
affected him.

جدر

١٣٥. ومن الجدير بالذكر. 135. Lit.: 'It is worth

mentioning'. Link phrase  
meaning, 'In this  
connection it is relevant that....'

## جَدَلْ

١٣٦. فَلْتَفَرِّضْ جَدَلًا 136. Let us suppose for the sake of argument.

## جَرَحَ

١٣٧. جَوَارِحُ الطَّيْرِ 137. Birds of prey.

## جَرَدَ

١٣٨. بِالْعَيْنِ الْمُجَرَّدَةِ 138. With the naked eye.  
١٣٩. عَنْ تَجَرُّدٍ 139. (Speaking) with objectivity.

## جَرَى

١٤٠. عَادَتِ الْمِيَاهُ إِلَى 140. Things are back to normal.  
مَجَارِيهَا الطَّبِيعِيَّةِ. (Lit.: 'The waters have returned to their natural courses').

١٤١. أَجْرَى الطَّرْفَانِ 141. The two sides held lengthy talks.

١٤٢. جَرَى اسْتِعْرَاضُ 142. The situation was reviewed  
الْوَضْعِ (Note rendering of English passive).

١٤٣. مِنْ جَرَاءِ... 143. Because/on account of the fact that...

## جَزَأَ

١٤٤. جُزْءٌ لَا يَتَجَزَأُ مِنْ... 144. An integral part of...

## جَزَلَ

١٤٥. مَعَ جَزِيلِ الشُّكْرِ 145. Thank you very much.

## جَعَبَ

١٤٦. مِنَ الْجَعْبَةِ 146. Lit.: 'From the quiver (of arrows)'. Often = 'Oh, just something I dashed off'.

## جَعَجَعَ

١٤٧. طَوَاحِينُ تُجَعِّعُ 147. Much ado about nothing.  
وَلَا أَرَى طَحْنًا. (Lit.: Millstones grinding away but yet I see no grain.)  
(Proverbial).

## جَعَلَ

١٤٨. وَجَعَلَ يَكْتُبُ 148. And he began to write.

## جَلَّ

١٤٩. جَلَالَةُ الْمَلِكِ 149. His Majesty.

١٥٠. اللَّهُ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ 150. God, may His majesty be glorified!

159. With the utmost speed. عَلَى جَنَاحِ السَّرْعَةِ. ١٥٩

## جَهَدَ

160. With great effort. بِجَهْدٍ جَهِيدٍ ١٦٠

## جَادَ

161. Every steed has a stumble. لِكُلِّ جَوَادٍ كَبُوءٌ ١٦١  
(‘Nobody’s perfect!’)  
(Proverbial).

## جَازَ

162. By (preposition of time). فِي مَوْعِدٍ لَا ١٦٢  
(This must be done) by  
(30 June). يَتَجَاوَزُ ...

## جَالَ

163. Roving ambassador/  
representative ;  
commercial traveller. مَنْدُوبٌ مُتَجَوِّلٌ ١٦٣

## جَاءَ

164. According to news reports  
from Amman... وَجَاءَ فِي الْأَخْبَارِ  
الْوَارِدَةِ مِنْ عَمَّانَ  
أَنَّ ... ١٦٤

151. The whole thing is..../ in a  
nutshell. جُلُّ مَا فِي الْأَمْرِ ١٥١  
أَنَّ ...

## جَمَعَ

152. Addition/substraction/  
multiplication/division. الْجَمْعُ/الطَّرْحُ/ ١٥٢  
الضَّرْبُ/الْقِسْمَةُ.

153. The whole/entire world. الْعَالَمُ بِأَجْمَعِهِ ١٥٣

154. A large crowd of people. جَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ مِنَ ١٥٤  
النَّاسِ

## جَمَلَ

155. And he said, among other  
things/inter alia. وَمِنْ جُمْلَةِ مَا قَالَ ١٥٥

156. I have nothing to do with this  
(Lit. : I have in it neither a  
female nor a male camel). لَا نَاقَةَ لِي فِيهَا ١٥٦  
وَلَا جَمَلَ  
(Proverbial).

## جَنَّبَ

157. Side by side. جَنَّبًا إِلَى جَنِبِ ١٥٧
158. Of the greatest/most extreme  
importance. عَلَى جَانِبٍ عَظِيمٍ ١٥٨  
مِنَ الْأَهَمِّيَّةِ

جيل

165. The rising generation/  
younger generation.

١٦٥. الجيل الصاعد

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حَبَّ

166. He makes mountains out of *يَعْمَلُ مِنَ الْحَبَّةِ قُبَّةً* ١٦٦.  
molehills (*Lit. : 'makes a  
dome out of a grain'*).

(Proverbial).

167. Love of country is a part of *حُبُّ الْوَطَنِ مِنْ* ١٦٧.  
faith. (*19th century Arab  
nationalist motto*)  
الإيمان

حَبْدَ

168. It would be so nice if we *حَبْدًا لَوْ ذَهَبْنَا...* ١٦٨.  
went...

حَبْرَ

169. Black on white/in writing *حَبْرٌ عَلَى وَرَقٍ* ١٦٩.  
(*Lit. : ink on paper*).

حَبَل

١٧٠. لَعِبَ عَلَى حَبْلَيْنِ  
170. He played a double game  
(Lit. : 'on two strings').

حَتَمَ

١٧١. حَتَمًا يَجِبُ أَنْ  
يَحْضُرَ  
171. He simply has to attend/  
inevitably he must be  
present.

حَجَّ

١٧٢. بِحُجَّةٍ أَنْ...  
172. On the grounds that/using the  
pretext that.
١٧٣. اِحْتِجَاجٌ شَدِيدٌ  
اللَّهْجَةُ  
173. A strongly-worded protest.

حَجَرَ

١٧٤. الْحَجَرُ الصَّحِّيُّ  
174. Quarantine.

حَدَّ

١٧٥. لِحَدِّ الْآنَ  
175. Up to now/so far/hitherto.

حَدَّبَ

١٧٦. مِنْ كُلِّ صَوْبٍ  
وَحَدَّبَ  
176. From all directions.

حَدَّثَ

١٧٧. مُتَحَدِّثٌ بِلِسَانٍ...  
177. A spokesman for....

حَذَقَ

١٧٨. أَخَذَهُ بِحَذَافِيرِهِ  
178.. He took it in its entirety.

حَرَجَ

١٧٩. مَوْقِفٌ حَرَجٌ  
179. A critical situation/position ;  
a tight corner.

حَرَزَ

١٨٠. لَمْ يُحَرِّزْ تَقَدُّمًا  
يُذَكِّرُ  
180. He made no progress worth  
mentioning.

حَرَسَ

١٨١. احْتَرَسَ! كَلْبٌ  
181. Beware! Dog.

حَرَفَ

١٨٢. تَرْجَمَةٌ حَرْفِيَّةٌ  
182. A literal translation.

حَرَكَ

١٨٣. فِي الْحَرَكَةِ بَرَكَةٌ  
183. There is blessing in  
movement. (Proverbial).

حَرَمَ

١٨٤. ابْنٌ حَرَامٍ  
184. A bastard.

حَزَمَ

185. Kindly fasten your seat-belt. الرَّجَاءُ رَبَطَ حِزَامَ  
(safety-belt). السَّلَامَةَ.

حَسَبَ

186. He was very apprehensive حَسَبَ أَلْفَ حِسَابٍ  
about... (Lit.: 'took 1000  
لِ.... accounts of...')

187. Not only... but also... لَيْسَ... فَحَسَبُ  
بَلْ...

حَسَدَ

188. Lit.: 'The envious one does الحَسَوْدُ لَا يَسُوْدُ  
not prevail'. Rhyming  
prose motto, found on  
back of trucks, for example.

حَسِرَ

189. What a pity! يَا لِلْحَسْرَةِ!

حَسَنَ

190. Good! Fine! O.K.! Agreed! حَسَنًا!  
191. It's better to....; it would be مِنْ الْمُسْتَحْسَنِ  
a good thing to...

192. It was our good fortune لِحُسْنِ حَظَّنَا  
that...

حَشَرَ

193. The Day of the Resurrection. يَوْمُ الْحَشْرِ  
The Last Day.

حَشِيَ

194. God forbid! حَاشَا لِلَّهِ

حَصَرَ

195. To give an example, but not to عَلَى سَبِيلِ الْمِثَالِ لَا  
exclude other possibilities. الْحَصْرِ

حَصَلَ

196. In summary it may be said, مِنْ تَحْصِيلِ  
الْحَاصِلِ أَنَّ يُقَالَ

حَضَرَ

197. The settled and the bedu. الْحَضَرُ وَالْبَدْوُ

198. You (Lit.: Your Honour). حَضَرْتُكَ

حَظَرَ

199. Curfew. حَظَرُ التَّجَوُّلِ



## حَفِظَ

٢٠٠. الْمَلِكُ ... حَفِظَهُ اللَّهُ King....., may God preserve him.

## حَقَلَ

٢٠١. أَيُّهَا الْحَقْلُ الْكَرِيمُ! (Opening! words of speech).
٢٠٢. يَوْمٌ حَافِلٌ بِالنَّشَاطَاتِ ; a very charged day.

## حَقَّ

٢٠٣. وَالْحَقُّ يُقَالُ إِنَّ ... It may be truly said that...
٢٠٤. الْحَقُّ مَعَكَ You are right.
٢٠٥. الْحَقُّ عَلَيْكَ You are mistaken, wrong.

## حَكَمَ

٢٠٦. تَوَلَّى زِمَامَ الْحُكْمِ . He assumed power.
٢٠٧. لِلضَّرُورَةِ أَحْكَامٌ rules.
٢٠٨. أَحْكَامُ الشَّرِيعَةِ . The provisions of Islamic law.
٢٠٩. رَأْسُ الْحِكْمَةِ مَخَافَةُ اللَّهِ The fear of God is the fount of wisdom, the beginning of wisdom.

## حَلَّ

٢١٠. أَصْحَابُ الْحَلِّ Persons of influence.
٢١١. بِحُلُولِ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ الْمُبَارَكِ By the beginning of Ramadan.

## حَمَدَ

٢١٢. الْمَسَاعِي الْحَمِيدَةُ Good offices. (Diplomacy).
٢١٣. وَصَلَ حَامِدًا شَاكِرًا thanks. (Catch phrase).

## حَمَلَ

٢١٤. حَمَلَهُ الْمَسْئُولِيَّةَ He attributed the responsibility to him, made him responsible.

## حَنِفَ

٢١٥. الدِّينُ الْإِسْلَامِيُّ الْحَنِيفُ The True Religion, Islam.

## حَالَ

٢١٦. عَمِلَ الْمُسْتَحِيلَ لِأَنَّ... He did everything possible/ went to the most extreme lengths in order to...

حَيْثُ

217. Wherever it was/might be ; حَيْثُمَا اتَّفَقَ ٢١٧  
haphazardly, at random.

حَيِّ

218. He is still alive and لا يَزَالُ حَيًّا يُرْزَقُ ٢١٨  
flourishing.

219. In commemoration of the إِحْيَاءٌ لِذِكْرِ ٢١٩  
40-day remembrance الأَرْبَعِينَ لـ...  
gathering for...

220. Come to prayer! (The حَيَّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ! ٢٢٠  
Muezzin's call).

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خَبَرَ

221. This is all a thing of the past. هَذَا كُلُّهُ فِي خَبَرٍ ٢٢١

كَانَ

222. Lit.: 'What a black piece of يا « خَبَرٌ أَسْوَدٌ » ! ٢٢٢  
news!' O, no! How awful!  
etc.

خَتَمَ

223. The last of the prophets. خَاتَمُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ ٢٢٣  
(Muhammad.) The seal of  
the prophets.

خَرَبَ

224. Lit.: 'They destroyed his خَرَبُوا لَهُ بَيْتَهُ ٢٢٤  
home'. They gave him a  
hard time, ruined him, etc.

## خَرَجَ

225. For reasons beyond our control. ٢٢٥. لِأَسْبَابٍ خَارِجَةٍ عَنْ إِرَادَتِنَا

## خَرَقَ

226. Supernatural, out of the ordinary. ٢٢٦. خَارِقٌ لِلْعَادَةِ

## خَسِرَ

227. What a pity! That's such a pity, loss! ٢٢٧. يَا « خَسَارَةٌ! »

228. There were no fatalities. ٢٢٨. لَمْ تَقَعْ خَسَائِرٌ فِي الْأَرْوَاحِ

## خَشِيَ

229. It is feared that... ٢٢٩. وَيُخْشَى أَنْ...

## خَصَّ

230. And in this connection... ٢٣٠. وَبِهَذَا الْخُصُوصِ.....

231. And we make special mention of... ٢٣١. نَخْصُّ بِالذِّكْرِ... ..

232. The appropriate departments, authorities. ٢٣٢. الْجِهَاتُ الْمُخْتَصَّةُ

## خَطَّ

233. All long the line, right across the board, etc. ٢٣٣. عَلَى طُولِ الْخَطِّ

## خَطَرَ

234. It never occurred to him, never crossed his mind that... ٢٣٤. لَمْ يَخْطُرْ بِإِلَالِهِ

235. A person of considerable importance, significance. ٢٣٥. خَطِيرُ الشَّانِ

236. Of his own good will. ٢٣٦. عَنْ طَيِّبَةِ خَاطِرِهِ

## خَطَا

237. May God guide your footsteps! ٢٣٧. سَدَّدَ اللَّهُ خُطَاكُمْ!

## خَفَّ

238. Slow down! Reduce speed! ٢٣٨. خَفَّفِ السَّرْعَةَ!

## خَفَضَ

239. Terrific reductions! (At the sales.) ٢٣٩. تَخْفِيزَاتٌ هَائِلَةٌ!

## خَفِيَ

240. It is hidden from no one that...; everyone knows that... ٢٤٠. لَا يَخْفَى عَلَى أَحَدٍ أَنْ...

خَلَدَ

٢٤١. الخَالِدُ الذِّكْرُ .... of eternal memory.

خَلَصَ

٢٤٢. Yours Sincerely... (Lit. : 'And وَدُمْتُكُمْ  
may you remain to the لِلْمُخْلِصِ ...  
sincere one'.)

٢٤٣. مَعَ أَخْلَصِ التَّهْنِائِي With most sincere  
congratulations.

خَلَفَ

٢٤٤. بِخِلَافِ الْوَضْعِ ... which is quite different  
from the situation الْقَائِمِ حِينَئِذٍ  
obtaining at that time.

٢٤٥. اِثْنَانِ لَا يَخْتَلِفَانِ (Lit. : Every one agrees that...  
two do not disagree on the عَلَى أَنَّ...  
fact that...)

خَلَقَ

٢٤٦. لِلَّهِ فِي خَلْقِهِ شُؤُونَ God's creation is wonderfully  
diverse. (Frequently ironic comment on something  
farcical).

٢٤٧. طَيِّبُ الْأَخْلَاقِ Of good character.

خَلَا

٢٤٨. مُنْذُ سِتِّ سَنَوَاتٍ 248. Six years ago.

خَلَّتْ

٢٤٩. لَا يَخْلُو مِنْ فَائِدَةٍ 249. Lit. : 'It is not devoid of  
benefit'. It is quite useful.

٢٥٠. أَخْلَى سَبِيلَهُ 250. He released him.

٢٥١. مَا خَلَا ... 251. With the exception of; except  
for.

خَمَسَ

٢٥٢. أَرْكَانُ الْإِسْلَامِ 252. The five Pillars of Islam.  
الْخَمْسَةُ.

خَافَ

٢٥٣. مَخَافَةً أَنْ ... 253. For fear that, lest.

خَابَ

٢٥٤. خَابَ أَمَلُهُ 254. He was disappointed.

خَارَ

٢٥٥. خَيْرُ الْأُمُورِ الْوَسْطُ 255. All things in moderation.  
(Lit. : the best of things is  
the medium.)

٢٥٦. مُخْتَارَاتٌ مِنْ  
Arabic Press. الصَّحَافَةُ الْعَرَبِيَّةُ
٢٥٧. And that would be the best ... وَهَذَا خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ  
thing for you. (Catch  
phrase from the stories of  
Juha).

خَيْلٌ

٢٥٨. وَخَيْلٌ لَهُ  
258. He imagined.

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٢٥٩. دَبَّرَ  
الرَّأْسُ الْمُدَبِّرُ  
259. The moving force,  
mastermind.

٢٦٠. دَخَلَ  
أُدْخِلَتْ عَلَيْهِ  
تَعْدِيلَاتٌ  
260. Changes were made to it.

٢٦١. لِذَوِي الدَّخْلِ  
الْمَحْدُودِ  
261. For the limited-income  
brackets.

٢٦٢. دَخَائِلُ الْأُمُورِ  
262. The inwardness of affairs ; the  
inside story.

٢٦٣. دَرَجَ  
اللُّغَةُ الْعَرَبِيَّةُ  
الدَّارِجَةُ  
263. Colloquial Arabic.

٢٦٤. لِدَرَجَةٍ أَنْ ...  
264. To such a degree that... (One  
way of rendering 'so.... that....')

٢٦٥. بالتدريج

265. Gradually.

دَرَكَ

٢٦٦. سِنَّ الإِدْرَاكِ

266. The age of reason or maturity.

دَرَهُمَ

٢٦٧. دَرَهُمُ وَقَايَةِ خَيْرٍ مِنْ

(Lit.: 'a dirham of care

قِنْطَارٍ عِلَاجٍ

rather that a qintar of

treatment'). (Proverbial).

دَعَا

٢٦٨. رَجُلٌ يُدْعَى ...

٢٦٩. دَعَا لَهُ بِطَوْلِ الْعُمُرِ

٢٧٠. المُدَّعِي الْعَامُّ

Prosecutor.

٢٧١. مَا يُدْعَى الْحُكْمَ

271. The so-called self-government/autonomy.

الذَّاتِيَّ.

دَفَعَ

٢٧٢. الدَّفْعُ سَلَفًا

272. Payment in advance.

٢٧٣. دَفْعَةً وَاحِدَةً

273. All at one go/at once ; at one fell swoop, etc.

٢٧٤. مُدَقِّقُ حِسَابَاتٍ

274. An accountant.

دَلَّ

٢٧٥. بِدَلِيلٍ أَنْ ...

275. As is indicated by the fact that...

٢٧٦. خَيْرُ الْكَلَامِ مَا قَلَّ وَدَلَّ

276. The best of speech is that which is short and to-the-point.

دَنَا

٢٧٧. الْمَوْقِعُ أَذْنَاهُ

277. The undersigned.

٢٧٨. قَامَتِ الدُّنْيَا

278. There was a most frightful row/disturbance/comotion/uproar.

٢٧٩. أَقَامَ الدُّنْيَا وَمَا أَقْعَدَهَا

279. (The affair) caused endless turmoil. (Lit.: 'made the world rise up and did not let it settle down').

دَهَشَ

٢٨٠. شَيْءٌ يَدْعُو إِلَى الدَّهْشَةِ

280. Something which gives rise to astonishment.



## دَهْوَر

281. The situation is deteriorating quickly. ٢٨١. الوَضْعُ يَتَدَهْوَرُ بِسُرْعَةٍ

## دَال

282. And so on/and so forth. ٢٨٢. وَهَكَذَا دَوَالِيكَ

## دَامَ

283. As long as I live. ٢٨٣. مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا...  
 284. So long as this is the situation... ٢٨٤. مَا دَامَ الْوَضْعُ هَكَذَا

## دَوْن

285. Without a glance at... ٢٨٥. بِدَوْنِ النَّظَرِ إِلَى  
 286. To the exclusion of others. ٢٨٦. مِنْ دَوْنِ غَيْرِهِ

## دِيكَ

287. Proverb : 'The eloquent cock ٢٨٧. « الدِّيكُ الْفَصِيحُ مِنْ   
 crows from the egg'. الْبَيْضَةِ يَصِيحُ ».  
*(Talent appearing at an early age).*

## دَان

288. No Credit. ٢٨٨. الدَّيْنُ مَمْنُوعٌ

289. A creditor account, an account in credit. ٢٨٩. حِسَابُ دَائِنٍ  
 290. He was found guilty. ٢٩٠. صَدَرَ الْحُكْمُ بِإِدَانَتِهِ

298. Non-Muslim communities  
under Muslim rule and  
protection.

ذَمَّ  
٢٩٨. أَهْلُ الذِّمَّةِ

299. It slipped his mind that...

ذَهَبَ  
٢٩٩. ذَهَبَ عَنْهُ أَنَّ...

300. It was in vain ; it all went for  
nothing.

٣٠٠. ذَهَبَ سُدًى

301. His outlook on life, his  
philosophy of life.

٣٠١. مَذْهَبُهُ فِي الْحَيَاةِ

302. He recalled to people's  
minds ; he reminded his  
listeners/readers.

ذَهَنَ  
٣٠٢. أَعَادَ إِلَى الْأَذْهَانِ  
أَنَّ...

303. Of some importance,  
significance.

ذُو  
٣٠٣. ذُو شَأْنٍ

304. A relative.

٣٠٤. ذُو الْقُرْبَى

305. On one occasion.

٣٠٥. ذَاتَ مَرَّةٍ

306. Autarky, self-sufficiency.

٣٠٦. الْاِكْتِفَاءُ الذَّاتِيُّ

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ذَبَذَبَ

291. On a frequency of.... بِذَبَذَبَةٍ مِقْدَارُهَا...

ذَرَعَ

292. On the grounds/pretext  
that... بِذَرِيعَةٍ أَنَّ....

ذَكَرَ

293. The Koran. الذِّكْرُ الْحَكِيمُ ٢٩٣

294. The previously-mentioned,  
the above-mentioned. السَّالِفُ الذِّكْرُ ٢٩٤

295. Something of no significance. شَيْءٌ لَا يُذَكَّرُ ٢٩٥

296. He mentioned him in  
laudatory terms. أَشَادَ بِذِكْرِهِ ٢٩٦

297. It was nothing worth  
mentioning. لَمْ يَكُنْ شَيْئًا  
مَذْكُورًا ٢٩٧

316. Employers.

٣١٦. أَرْبَابُ الْعَمَلِ

317. Net profits.

٣١٧. رِبْحٌ  
أَرْبَاحٌ صَافِيَّةٌ

318. Alphabetical order.

٣١٨. رَتَبَ  
تَرْتِيبَ أَبْجَدِيٍّ

319. He left on a trip, never to return.

٣١٩. رَجَعَ  
سَافَرَ إِلَى غَيْرِ رَجْعَةٍ

320. The credit for this must go to...

٣٢٠. يَرْجِعُ الْفَضْلُ فِي  
هَذَا إِلَى

321. Please do not... (For example, in public notices.)

٣٢١. رَجَاءٌ لَا ...

322. The nomadic Arabs.

٣٢٢. رَحَلَ  
الْأَعْرَابُ الرَّحْلُ

323. May God have mercy on him !

٣٢٣. رَحِمَ  
رَحِمَةُ اللَّهِ !

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307. Head over heels.

٣٠٧. رَأْسًا عَلَى عَقِبٍ

308. *Lit.* : on my head. 'I will do it right away', etc.

٣٠٨. « عَلَى رَأْسِي »

309. At the head of a sizeable delegation.

٣٠٩. عَلَى رَأْسِ وَفْدٍ

310. His birthplace.

٣١٠. مَسْقِطُ رَأْسِهِ  
كَبِيرٍ

311. I wonder.....?

٣١١. رَأَى  
يَا تُرَى ؟

312. I feel myself obliged to...

٣١٢. أَرَى لِزَامًا عَلَيَّ أَنْ ..

313. Visibility is good.

٣١٣. الرُّؤْيَةُ جَيِّدَةٌ

314. The Lord of the Worlds.

٣١٤. رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ

315. Housewives (*Lit.* : ladies of the houses).

٣١٥. رَبَّاتُ الْبُيُوتِ

رَدَّ

٣٢٤. رَدُّوا عَلَى النَّارِ. 324. They returned the fire.

بِالْمِثْلِ

٣٢٥. رَدُّ فِعْلٍ قَوِيٍّ. 325. A powerful reaction.

رَسَلَ

٣٢٦. الْمُرْسَلُ إِلَيْهِ. 326. The addressee.

رَسَمَ

٣٢٧. بِرَسْمِ الْإِيجَارِ. 327. To let. (Property).

رَشَدَ

٣٢٨. بَلَغَ سِنَّ الرُّشْدِ. 328. He reached the age of maturity.

٣٢٩. وَزَارَةُ الْإِعْلَامِ وَالْإِرْشَادِ الْقَوْمِيَّ. 329. Ministry of Information and National Guidance.

رَغِبَ

٣٣٠. شَخْصٌ غَيْرُ مَرْغُوبٍ فِيهِ. 330. Persona non grata; an undesirable.

رَغِمَ

٣٣١. بِالرَّغْمِ مِنْ أَنْ... 331. In spite of the fact that...

رَفَدَ

٣٣٢. الرَّاغِدَانِ. 332. The twin rivers (Tigris &amp; Euphrates.)

رَفَضَ

٣٣٣. رَفَضَهُ رَفْضًا قَاطِعًا. 333. He rejected it totally, out of hand.

رَفَعَ

٣٣٤. وَفَدَّ رَفِيعُ الْمُسْتَوَى. 334. A high-level delegation.

٣٣٥. رَفَعَ قَضِيَّةً عَلَى... 335. He took..... to court ; raised a case against....

رَفَّقَ

٣٣٦. الْمَكْتُوبُ الْمُرْفَقُ. 336. The attached/enclosed letter.

رَقَّ

٣٣٧. شُكْرًا عَلَى رِسَالَتِكُمُ الرَّقِيقَةِ. 337. Thank you for your kind letter.

رَكَزَ

٣٣٨. اللَّامْرَكَزِيَّةُ. 338. Decentralization.

رَكَعَ

٣٣٩. صَلَّى رَكَعَتَيْنِ. 339. He performed two prostrations in saying his prayers.

رَكَمَ

340. Work piling up.

٣٤٠. تَرَاكُمُ الْأَعْمَالِ

رَمَّ

341. The whole world.

٣٤١. الْعَالَمُ بِرُمَّتِهِ

رَمَشَ

342. In the twinkling of an eye.

٣٤٢. بَيْنَ رَمَشَةِ عَيْنٍ  
وَعَيْنٍ

رَمَى

343. He was executed by firing-  
squad.٣٤٣. أُعْدِمَ رَمِيًا  
بِالرَّصَاصِ

رَهَنَ

344. In the present circumstances.

٣٤٤. فِي الظُّرُوفِ الرَّاهِنَةِ

رَاحَ

345. In order to save lives.

٣٤٥. حِرْصًا عَلَى

الْأَرْوَاحِ

346. He expressed satisfaction on  
the part of both sides with  
the results of the talks.٣٤٦. وَأَعْرَبَ عَنْ ارْتِيَاحِ  
الطَّرَفَيْنِ بِنَتَائِجِ  
الْمُحَادَثَاتِ

رَادَّ

347. Slowly.

٣٤٧. رُوَيْدًا رُوَيْدًا

رَاضٍ

348. Kindergarden.

٣٤٨. رَوْضَةُ الْأَطْفَالِ

رَاعَ

349. In an appalling state.

٣٤٩. فِي حَالَةٍ مُرَوِّعَةٍ

350. Absolutely marvellous.

٣٥٠. فِي مُنْتَهَى الرَّوْعَةِ

رَامَ

351. (Things) could not be better.

٣٥١. عَلَى أَحْسَنِ مَا يُرَامُ

رَابَ

352. It is indisputable, there is no  
doubt.

٣٥٢. مِمَّا لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ

رَاثَ

353. While.

٣٥٣. رَيْثَمًا

رَاعَ

354. The proceeds of the party/  
function.

٣٥٤. رَيْعُ الْحَفْلَةِ

359. I have a cold.

زَكَمَ  
٣٥٩. أَنَا مَرْكُومٌ

360. A slip of the tongue.

زَلَّ  
٣٦٠. زَلَّةٌ لِسَانٍ .

361. The conference due to be held.

زَمَعَ  
٣٦١. الْمُؤْتَمَرُ الْمَزْمَعُ  
عَقْدُهُ

362. The British Foreign Secretary  
met with his French  
counterpart.

زَمَلَ  
٣٦٢. اجْتَمَعَ وَزِيرُ  
الخارجية  
البريطانية مع زميله  
الفرنسي

363. A chronic illness.

زَمَنَ  
٣٦٣. مَرَضٌ مُزْمِنٌ

364. Rock-bottom prices! Very  
low prices!

زَهَدَ  
٣٦٤. أَسْعَارٌ زَهِيدَةٌ!

365. A storm in a tea-cup.

زَوْبَعَ  
٣٦٥. زَوْبَعَةٌ فِي فِنْجَانٍ

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355. *Proverbial* : The blows of the  
beloved are as raisins.

زَبَّ  
٣٥٥. ضَرْبُ الْحَبِيبِ  
زَبِيبٌ

356. Please do not disturb.

زَعَجَ  
٣٥٦. الرَّجَاءُ عَدَمُ  
الْإِزْعَاجِ

357. Like a deaf man at a wedding.  
*Proverbial* for someone  
being completely unaware  
of what is going on.

زَفَّ  
٣٥٧. مِثْلُ الْأُطْرَشِ فِي  
الرَّقَّةِ

358. Terrible! Appalling! Awful!  
(Like pitch/tar).

زَفَّتْ  
٣٥٨. مِثْلُ الزَّفْتِ!



## زاج

366. A pair of shoes. « زَوْجُ كِنْدَرَةٍ »  
 367. Condominium. (E.g. the  
 former 'Anglo-Egyptian  
 Sudan'.)

## زور

368. False testimony شَهَادَةُ زورٍ

## زال

369. He is still living. لَا يَزَالُ عَلَى قَيْدِ  
 الْحَيَاةِ

## زاد

370. And as an extra precaution. وَزِيَادَةً فِي الْاِحْتِيَاظِ

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## سأل

371. A very important question. سُؤَالٌ وَجِيهٌ

## سبح

372. May He be praised, who  
 changes circumstances.  
 (Pious expression, often  
 used ironically in comment  
 on some extraordinary  
 change.)

## سبحان الله!

373. May God be praised!  
 (Expression of astonish-  
 ment).

## سبق

374. Unprecedented ;  
 incomparable. لَمْ يَسْبِقْ لَهُ مِثْلٌ

٣٧٥. سَبَقَ لَهُ أَنْ ذَهَبَ... He had gone previously ; he...  
had already gone ; he went  
previously.

٣٧٦. سَبَاقُ التَّسْلُحِ. The arms-race.

سَبَلٌ  
٣٧٧. عَلَى سَبِيلِ الْمِثَالِ. For example.

سَتَرٌ  
٣٧٨. السَّتَارُ الْحَدِيدِيُّ. The Iron Curtain.

٣٧٩. يَا سَاتِرُ ! O God! (One of God's names:  
the Coverer, or Protector.  
Used to invoke defence  
against some unpleasant  
possible or actual event.)

سَخَفٌ  
٣٨٠. هَذَا مِنْ أَسْخَفِ مَا... This is the most absurd/  
ridiculous thing ; couldn't  
يَكُونُ  
be more absurd.

سَدَى  
٣٨١. ذَهَبَ سَدَى. It was a complete waste of  
time ; it was (all) in vain.

سَرَّ  
٣٨٢. فِي السَّرَّاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ. In good times and bad.

سَرَحَ  
٣٨٣. أَطْلَقَ سَرَّاحَهُ. He released him.

سَرَعَ  
٣٨٤. سُرْعَانَا مَا. Quickly (esp. of develop-  
ments taking place.)

٣٨٥. سَرِيعُ الْخَاطِرِ. Quick-witted ; quick-think-  
ing.

سَرَقَ  
٣٨٦. لِيَتْ : 'He would steal the kohl يَسْرِقُ الْكُحْلَ مِنَ  
from the eye'. He is an  
الْعَيْنِ  
incorrigible thief.

سَرَى  
٣٨٧. سَرَى مَفْعُولُهُ. It took effect : went into  
effect ; came into force.

سَعَدَ  
٣٨٨. أَسْعَدَ اللَّهُ أَوْقَاتَكُمْ ! Broadcaster's greeting to  
listeners/viewers : 'May  
God make your times happy !'

٣٨٩. السَّعِيدُ الذَّكْرُ

389. (So-and-so) of blessed memory.

سَعَفَ

٣٩٠. الإسْعَافُ الْأَوَّلِيُّ

390. First Aid.

سَعَى

٣٩١. السَّعْيُ وَرَاءَ الْقِرْشِ

391. Seeking a livelihood ; making a living ; chasing after money. (Lit : striving after money/coins/qurush.)

سَقَطَ

٣٩٢. أُسْقِطَ فِي يَدِهِ

392. He stood aghast, bewildered.

سَلْسَلَ

٣٩٣. الْمُسَلْسَلُ الْيَوْمِيُّ

393. The daily serial (radio series, TV, etc.)

سَلَطَ

٣٩٤. تَسَلَّطَتِ الْأَضْوَاءُ عَلَى ...

394. Attention was focussed on. (Lit.: lights were concentrated on.)

سَلَفَ

٣٩٥. تَسْلِيفَةٌ

395. An advance (money).

سَلَّمَ

٣٩٦. سَلَّمَ لِي عَلَيْهِ!

396. Give him my best wishes!

٣٩٧. تَسَلَّمَ مَقَالِيدَ الْحُكْمِ

397. He took over the reins of government.

٣٩٨. يَا سَلَام!

398. O God! (Expression of surprise, using the name of God which means Peace.)

٣٩٩. رَجَعُوا إِلَى

399. They returned safely to base.

قَوَاعِدِهِمْ سَالِمِينَ

سَمِعَ

٤٠٠. الْوَسَائِلُ السَّمْعِيَّةُ - الْبَصَرِيَّةُ

400. Audio-visual equipment/ methods.

سَمَا

٤٠١. إِسْمٌ بِلاَ مُسَمًّى

401. Something existing in name only.

٤٠٢. صَاحِبُ السُّمُوِّ

402. His Royal Highness.

الْمَلَكِيِّ

٤٠٣. الْمُنْدُوبُ السَّامِي

403. The High Commissioner.

سَنَ

٤٠٤. أَهْلُ السُّنَّةِ

404. The people of the Sunna. Sunni Muslims.

سَنَح

405. He had an opportunity to work for... سَنَحَتْ لَهُ فُرْصَةٌ الْعَمَلِ لَدَى...

سَنَدَ

406. Backed up by official documents. اسْتِنَادًا إِلَى وَثَائِقَ رَسْمِيَّةٍ

سَهَا

407. Inadvertently سَهَوَا ٤٠٧

سَاءَ

408. Unfortunately. لِسَوْءِ الْحَظِّ ٤٠٨  
409. From bad to worse. مِنْ سَيِّئٍ إِلَى أَسْوَأَ ٤٠٩  
410. He ill-treated so-and-so. أَسَاءَ مُعَامَلَةً فُلَانٍ ٤١٠

سَوَدَ

411. He let him down, disappointed him, did not do him credit. (Lit. : blackened his face.) سَوَدَ وَجْهَهُ ٤١١

سَوِيَ

412. On an equal footing. عَلَى قَدَمِ الْمُسَاوَاةِ ٤١٢

سَارَ

413. They talked about you ; your name came up. « جَاءَتْ سِيرَتُكَ » ٤١٣

414. The rest of the world ; all other parts of the world. سَائِرُ أَنْحَاءِ الْعَالَمِ ٤١٤

415. The implementation of the project is going ahead (smoothly). يَسِيرُ تَنْفِيزُ الْمَشْرُوعِ قُدُمًا ٤١٥

422. We shall never give up one شَبْر . ٤٢٢  
inch of ground. اَرْضٍ

423. He spoke at great length on it. شَبَعَ . ٤٢٣  
أَشْبَعَ الْكَلَامَ فِيهِ

424. He was suspicious about him. شَبَّهَ . ٤٢٤  
اِشْتَبَهَ فِي أَمْرِهِ

425. What a difference between شَتَّانَ مَا بَيْنَهُمَا ! شَتَّ . ٤٢٥  
them!

426. From all parts of the world. مِنْ شَتَّى أَنْحَاءِ الْعَالَمِ . ٤٢٦

427. The doctor diagnosed the شَخَّصَ . ٤٢٧  
illness. شَخَّصَ الطَّبِيبُ الْمَرَضَ

428. Because of the intensity of our شَدَّ . ٤٢٨  
joy ; because we were so لَشِدَّةٍ فَرَحِنَا  
glad. (NB : rendering of the  
English 'so... that').

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416. An unlucky number. شَامَّ . ٤١٦  
عَدَدٌ مَشْوُومٌ

417. In this respect/regard he is شَأْنُهُ فِي هَذَا شَأْنُ . ٤١٧  
in the same position as all كُلِّ جِيرَانِهِ  
his neighbours.

418. May He be exalted ! (God) جَلَّ شَأْنُهُ ! . ٤١٨

419. Leave me alone, to myself. دَعْنِي وَشَأْنِي ! . ٤١٩

420. Of exalted/high/grand status. رَفِيعُ الشَّانِ . ٤٢٠

421. Proverbial. 'He who grew up شَبَّ عَلَى شَيْءٍ . ٤٢١  
with something grows old شَابَ عَلَيْهِ  
and grey with it.'  
Approximately 'Old habits  
die hard'.

٤٢٩. شَدَّدَ عَلَى أَهَمِّيَّةِ . 429. He emphasised the importance of the subject. الموضوع

٤٣٠. « كَثْرَةُ الشَّدِّ تُرَخِّي » 430. Having a counter-productive effect. (Lit : 'Too much stretching loosens (elastic)' ).

٤٣١. إِجْرَاءَاتُ أَمْنٍ مُشَدَّدَةٍ 431. Intensified security measures ; stepped up security measures.

شَرَّ

٤٣٢. أَبْعُدْ عَنِ الشَّرِّ وَعَنْ لَهُ 432. Proverbial. 'Keep clear of evil and sing out to it!'

٤٣٣. أَخَفُّ الشَّرَّيْنِ 433. The lesser of two evils.

شَرِبَ

٤٣٤. شَرِبَ نَخْبَ فُلَانٍ 434. He drank the health of so-and-so.

٤٣٥. فَلْيَشْرَبِ الْبَحْرَ ! 435. Let him go and drink the sea ! (Proverbial for writing-off or dismissing someone).

٤٣٦. أَبُو شَارِبَيْنِ 436. A man with moustaches.

شَرَطَ

٤٣٧. بِلا قَيْدٍ أَوْ شَرَطٍ 437. With no strings attached ; unconditional.

شَرَعَ

٤٣٨. حُقُوقُنَا الْمَشْرُوعَةُ 438. Our legal rights.

٤٣٩. الشَّرْعِيَّةُ الْإِسْلَامِيَّةُ 439. Islamic legality.

٤٤٠. مَشْرُوعُ قَرَارٍ 440. A draft resolution/bill.

شَرَقَ

٤٤١. مِنْ مَشَارِقِ الْأَرْضِ إِلَى مَغَارِبِهَا 441. From East to West ; all over the world.

شَرِكَ

٤٤٢. الْمُشْرِكُونَ 442. The polytheists.

٤٤٣. بُرْمَةُ الشَّرَاكَةِ لَا تَفُورُ 443. Proverbial. 'The pot of partnership never comes to the boil.'

شَزَرَ

٤٤٤. نَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ شَزْرًا 444. He gave him a sideways glance.

## شَعْبَ

٤٤٥. أَهْلُ مَكَّةَ أَدْرَى بِشَعَابِهَا  
445. Proverbial. 'The people of Mecca know best its narrow streets.' ('Far be it from me as an outsider to presume to comment.....')

## شَعَرَ

٤٤٦. حَتَّى إِشْعَارِ آخَرَ  
446. Until further notice.  
٤٤٧. شَعَائِرُ الْحَجِّ  
447. The Hajj rites/ceremonial.

## شَغَبَ

٤٤٨. أَعْمَالُ شَغَبٍ  
448. Rioting, acts of civil disturbance.

## شَغَلَ

٤٤٩. شُغْلِي الشَّاعِلُ  
449. My principal preoccupation.  
٤٥٠. شَغَلَ مَنْصِبًا عَالِيًا  
450. He occupied an important post.

## شَقَّ

٤٥١. الدَّوْلُ الْعَرَبِيَّةُ الشَّقِيقَةُ  
451. The (brotherly/sisterly) Arab states.

## شَكَ

٤٥٢. لَا سَبِيلَ إِلَى الشَّكِّ فِيهِ  
452. It is indisputable.

## شَكَرَ

٤٥٣. شُكْرًا جَزِيلًا!  
453. I am very grateful.

## شَمَرَ

٤٥٤. شَمَرَ عَنْ سَاعِدِ الْجِدِّ سَئِرًا  
454. He got down to the work seriously.

## شَهِدَ

٤٥٥. بِالْجُرْمِ الْمَشْهُودِ  
455. In the act/in flagrante delicto

## شَاطَ

٤٥٦. لَقَدْ قَطَعْنَا أَشْوَاطًا  
456. We have made great progress/ come a long way.

## شَاءَ

٤٥٧. بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ  
457. If God wills.  
٤٥٨. بَعْضُ الشَّيْءِ  
458. To a certain extent.

## شَاعَ

٤٥٩. شِيعَ جُثْمَانُهُ  
459. His body was accompanied to the grave.

466. The Koran

صَحَفَ  
٤٦٦. الْمُصْحَفُ الشَّرِيفُ

467. Plat du jour ; daily special (In  
a restaurant.)

صَحَنَ  
٤٦٧. الصَّحْنُ اليَّوميُّ

468. And in this connection.

صَدَّ  
٤٦٨. وَبِهَذَا الصَّدَدِ

469. The subject with which  
we are dealing.

٤٦٩. الْمَوْضُوعُ الَّذِي  
نَحْنُ بِصَدَدِهِ

470. He felt (a great) relief.

صَدَرَ  
٤٧٠. اِنْشَرَخَ صَدْرُهُ

471. I came across him by chance  
on my way.

صَدَفَ

472. Proverbial. 'A chance  
meeting which is better  
than a thousand  
appointments.'

٤٧٢. صِدْقَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ  
مِيعَادٍ

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460. Sweat poured from him.

صَبَّ  
٤٦٠. تَصَبَّبَ عَرَقًا

461. Good morning (Formal, e.g.  
on radio, TV.)

صَبَحَ

٤٦١. أُسْعِدْتُمْ صَبَاحًا !

462. Good morning.

٤٦٢. أَسْعَدَ اللَّهُ صَبَاحَكُمْ  
بِكُلِّ خَيْرٍ !

463. It is rightly said of him....

صَحَّ

٤٦٣. يَصَحُّ أَنْ يُقَالَ فِيهِ ...

464. Or, to put it more correctly ;  
or, rather....

٤٦٤. أَوْ عَلَى الْأَصَحِّ ...

465. The host.

صَحِبَ

٤٦٥. صَاحِبُ الضِّيَافَةِ



## صَدَقَ

٤٧٣. *Almighty God has spoken* صَدَقَ اللهُ الْعَظِيمُ!

truly. (Said when quoting  
from the Koran.)

٤٧٤. Proverbial. 'A friend in need is الصَّدِيقُ عِنْدَ الضِّيقِ  
a friend indeed.'

## صَرَطَ

٤٧٥. The straight path. الصِّرَاطُ الْمُسْتَقِيمُ

## صَرَفَ

٤٧٦. Miscellaneous/sundry مَصَارِيفُ نَثْرِيَّةٍ  
expenses.

٤٧٧. Regardless of, irrespective of... بِصَرَفِ النَّظَرِ عَنْ...

## صَرَمَ

٤٧٨. The past year. الْعَامُ الْمُنْصَرِمُ

## صَعِدَ

٤٧٩. Escalation of the crisis. تَصْعِيدُ الْأَزْمَةِ

٤٨٠. On the international plane; عَلَى الصَّعِيدِ الدَّوْلِيِّ  
internationally; in the  
international arena.

٤٨١. From now on; henceforth. مِنْ الْآنَ وَصَاعِدًا

## صَغَرَ

٤٨٢. Proverbial. 'Learning when الْعِلْمُ فِي الصَّغَرِ  
young is like carving in  
rock.' كَالنَّقْشِ فِي  
الْحَجَرِ

## صَفَّ

٤٨٣. 'Just a lot of talk'. صَفَّ كَلَامٍ  
Meaningless verbiage.

## صَفِرَ

٤٨٤. Empty-handed. صَفِرَ الْيَدُ

٤٨٥. Lit: 'a zero on the left'. A صِفِرَ عَلَى الشَّمَالِ  
person of no significance.

## صَفَّقَ

٤٨٦. Proverbial. 'One hand cannot يَدٌ وَاحِدَةٌ لَا تُصَفِّقُ  
applaud'. Co-operation is  
necessary.

## صَلَحَ

٤٨٧. Unserviceable; unuseable. غَيْرُ صَالِحٍ  
لِلْإِسْتِعْمَالِ

صلا

488. Prayertimes : Dawn ; صَلَاةُ الْفَجْرِ / الظُّهْر  
Noontime ; Afternoon ; الْعَصْرِ / الْمَغْرِبِ  
Sunset ; Evening. / الْعِشَاءُ

صَمَّ

489. From the depths of my heart. مِنْ صَمِيمِ قَلْبِي . ٤٨٩

صَابَ

490. You are right/correct. أَنْتَ عَلَى الصَّوَابِ . ٤٩٠

صَاتَ

- 491.. Lower your voice ! اخْفِضْ صَوْتَكَ ! . ٤٩١

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492. Arabic. لُغَةُ الضَّادِ . ٤٩٢

493. Speakers of Arabic. Native- Arabic speakers. النَّاظِقُونَ بِالضَّادِ . ٤٩٣

ضَبَطَ

494. Self-control ; discipline ; restraint. ضَبَطُ النَّفْسِ . ٤٩٤

ضَحِيَّ

495. Overnight (Esp. of sudden changes) بَيْنَ لَيْلَةٍ وَصُحَاها . ٤٩٥

ضَخَّمَ

496. Exaggerating the significance of some news item. تَضَخَّمَ الْخَبَرِ . ٤٩٦

497. (Financial) Inflation. التَّضَخُّمُ الْمَالِيُّ . ٤٩٧

ضدّ

٤٩٨. المدفعية المضادة للطائرات  
498. Anti-aircraft artillery.

ضرّ

٤٩٩. عند الضرورة  
500. Necessity may authorise forbidden acts.  
(Proverbial)

ضرب

٥٠١. ضرب زيد عمراً  
501. Zaid struck Amr. (Sentence used to teach children the verb, the nominative and the accusative).  
٥٠٢. ضربة المعلم بألف  
502. The master's stroke/touch is worth a thousand.  
(Proverbial)  
٥٠٣. ضرب الرقم القياسي  
503. He set the record. (Sport, etc.)

ضعف

٥٠٤. ثلاثة أضعاف  
504. Three times (multiplication).  
E.g. 'three times the size of...'

٥٠٥. أضعاف أضعافه  
505. Many, many times (the size) of...

ضمين

٥٠٦. البريد المضمون  
506. Registered mail.

ضاع

٥٠٧. أضاع وقته  
507. He wasted his time.  
٥٠٨. « يا ضيعانه »  
508. What a pity! What a waste!

ضاف

٥٠٩. أضيف إلى ذلك  
509. Moreover, ... (Lit: 'Add to that, that..')  
أن...

516. First class ; first rate. طَرَزَ ٥١٦. مِّنَ الطَّرَازِ الْأَوَّلِ

517. The two of them were طَرَفَ ٥١٧. كَانَ وَإِيَّاهُ عَلَى  
diametrically opposed. طَرَفِي تَقِيضٍ

518. The discussion led on to the طَرَقَ ٥١٨. تَطَرَّقَ الْحَدِيثُ إِلَى  
subject of.... مَوْضُوعٍ .....

519. A hunger-strike. طَعِمَ ٥١٩. إِضْرَابٌ عَنِ الطَّعَامِ

520. He was of an advanced age. طَعَنَ ٥٢٠. طَعَنَ فِي السِّنِّ

521. The crew of the aircraft. طَقَمَ ٥٢١. طَاقِمُ الطَّائِرَةِ

522. A dining-room set. طَقَمَ ٥٢٢. طَقَمُ غُرْفَةِ الطَّعَامِ

523. A house overlooking the sea. طَلَّ ٥٢٣. مَنْزِلٌ يُطِلُّ عَلَى  
الْبَحْرِ

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510. Being printed. طَبَعَ ٥١٠. تَحْتَ الطَّبْعِ

511. An exact copy ; spitting طَبَقَ ٥١١. طَبَقُ الْأَصْلِ  
image.

512. The views were in complete طَبَقَتْ ٥١٢. تَطَابَقَتِ الْأَرَاءُ  
agreement.

513. There was no appreciable طَرَأَ ٥١٣. لَمْ يَطْرَأْ عَلَى الْحَالَةِ  
change in the situation. تَبَدَّلَ يُذَكِّرُ

514. He put a question to him. طَرَحَ ٥١٤. طَرَحَ عَلَيْهِ سُؤَالَ

515. And he went on to say.... طَرَدَ ٥١٥. وَاسْتَطَرَدَ قَائِلًا

## طَلَبَ

524. Two are insatiable, the seeker : اِثْنَانِ لَا يَشْبَعَانِ :  
after knowledge and the طَالِبُ عِلْمٍ  
seeker after money. وَطَالِبُ مَالٍ.  
(Proverbial.)

## طَلَعَ

525. Public-opinion poll. اِسْتِطْلَاعُ الرَّأْيِ  
العَامِّ  
526. Reconnaissance aircraft. طَائِرَةٌ اِسْتِطْلَاعٍ

## طَلَّقَ

527. He ran away at great speed. اُطْلِقَ سَاقِيهِ لِلرَّيْحِ  
He shot off into the blue.  
528. No, absolutely not. لَا ... عَلَى الْاِطْلَاقِ

## طَاعَ

529. 'I hear and obey'. (Catch- سَمْعًا وَطَاعَةً!  
phrase from 'Arabian  
Nights')  
530. As much as possible/as you قَدْرُ الْمُسْتَطَاعِ  
are able.

531. If you wish to be obeyed, then اِذَا ارَدْتَ اَنْ تُطَاعَ  
give orders for what is فَاْمُرْ بِالْمُسْتَطَاعِ  
possible. (Proverbial.)

## طاقَ

532. Beyond me ; too difficult for فَوْقَ طَاقَتِي  
me ; beyond my ability ;  
out of my range.

## طالَ

533. For a long time. طَالَمَا 533

534. So long as/since طَالَمَا اَنْ ...  
(Conjunction.)

535. All over the 535. فِي طَوْلِ الْبِلَادِ  
country. (Lit. : وَعَرْضِهَا

'Throughout the length  
and breadth of the  
country.')

536. Term of address : 'May God طَالَ عُمْرُكَ!  
lengthen your life'.

537. .... the penalty for which is تَحْتَ طَائِلَةِ الْمَوْتِ  
death.

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543. Within two days.      ظَرْفٌ ٥٤٣. فِي ظَرْفِ يَوْمَيْنِ
544. Compelling circumstances ;      ظُرُوفٌ قَاهِرَةٌ ٥٤٤. force-majeure.
545. He harboured hostile      ظَنَّ بِهِ الظُّنُونُ ٥٤٥. thoughts about him.
546. 'Some thoughts can be a sin'.      بَعْضُ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ ٥٤٦. (Caution against forming hostile judgments hastily about someone.)
547. .... in my opinion ; that's      عَلَى مَا أَظُنُّ ٥٤٧. what I think (at least).
548. .... since we thought that....      ظَنَّا مِنَّا أَنَّ... ٥٤٨.
549. It is widely thought that... ; it      أَغْلَبُ الظَّنِّ أَنَّ... ٥٤٩. is most likely that....

538. (Please find) enclosed.      طَوَى ٥٣٨. طَيَّهَ
539. Formal greeting, esp. in      طَابَ ٥٣٩. طَابَتْ أَوْقَاتُكُمْ! broadcasting : 'May your times be good!'
540. Formal greeting, esp. in      ٥٤٠. طَابَ مَسَاؤُكُمْ! broadcasting : 'May your evening be good!' 'Good evening!'
541. He went out of his mind ; he      طَارَ عَقْلُهُ ٥٤١. was absolutely furious/livid.
542. Proverb. 'It is a goat even if it      ٥٤٢. عَنَزَةٌ وَلَوْ طَارَتْ flies!' (Basic character is unchangeable).

ظَهَرَ

550. Apparently.

٥٥٠. مِمَّا يَظْهَرُ أَنَّ...

551. Apparently

٥٥١. الظَّاهِرُ أَنَّ...

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عَبَا

552. It is considered unimportant.

٥٥٢. لَا يُعْبَأُ بِهِ

عَبْدَ

553. The poor slave. (*Deprecatory reference to oneself*)

٥٥٣. الْعَبْدُ الْفَقِيرُ

عَبَرَ

554. A kind of/sort of.

٥٥٤. عِبَارَةً عَنْ...

عَجَزَ

555. The inimitability of the Koran.

٥٥٥. إِعْجَازُ الْقُرْآنِ

عَجَلَ

556. Sooner or later.

٥٥٦. عَاجِلًا أَمْ آجِلًا

عَدَّ

557. The count-down.

٥٥٧. الْعَدُّ التَّنَازُلِيُّ / الْعَكْسِيُّ

٥٥٨. تَعَدُّدُ الزَّوْجَاتِ

558. Polygamy.

عَدِمَ

٥٥٩. عَدَمُ الْكِفَاءَةِ

559. Incompetence.

٥٦٠. عَدَمُ الرِّضَاءِ

560. Dissatisfaction, displeasure.

عَدَا

٥٦١. مَا عَدَا

561. With the exception of...

٥٦٢. الْعُدْوَانُ الثَّلَاثِيّ

562. The Tripartite Aggression.

(Common journalistic

shorthand for the Suez

campaign, 1956)

عَذَرَ

٥٦٣. عَذْرٌ أَقْبَحُ مِنْ ذَنْبٍ  
563. Proverbial : 'an excuse worse  
than the original fault.'

عَرَضَ

٥٦٤. عَرَضَ لَهُ خَاطِرٌ

564. A thought occurred to him.

٥٦٥. لَسْنَا فِي مَعْرِضٍ

565. This is not the proper place to  
discuss....

الْكَلَامِ عَنْ ...

٥٦٦. هَذَا مَوْضِعٌ طَوِيلٌ

566. This is a difficult and involved  
subject.

(و) عَرِضٌ

عَرَفَ

٥٦٧. الْأَحْكَامُ الْعُرْفِيَّةُ

567. Martial law.

عَرَا

٥٦٨. الْعُرْوَةُ الْوُثْقَى

568. The tightest bond.

The Koran.

عَرِيَ

٥٦٩. عَارٍ عَنِ الصَّحَّةِ

569. Totally devoid of any truth.

عَزَّ

٥٧٠. فِي عِزِّ شَبَابِهِ

570. In the prime of his youth.

عَزَا

٥٧١. وَيُعْزَى إِلَى (فُلَانٍ)  
أَنَّ ...571. The remark has been  
attributed to X, that...

عَسَلَ

٥٧٢. شَهْرُ الْعَسَلِ

572. Honeymoon.

عَشَرَ

٥٧٣. مَنْ عَاشَرَ الْقَوْمَ

573. Proverbial. 'He who lives with  
the tribe for forty days  
becomes one of them.'أَرْبَعِينَ يَوْمًا صَارَ  
مِنْهُمْ



## عَصَمَ

574. The students staged a sit-in in the Faculty of Arts. ٥٧٤. اِعْتَصَمَ الطَّلَابُ فِي كَلِّيَّةِ الآدَابِ

## عَضِلَ

575. A display of muscles. ٥٧٥. عَرَضَ عَضَلَاتٍ

## عَطِرَ

576. All good wishes (Lit. : 'perfumed wishes'). ٥٧٦. تَمَنَّيَاتٌ عَطِرَةٌ

## عَطَفَ

577. He looked at the request sympathetically. ٥٧٧. نَظَرَ إِلَى الطَّلَبِ بِعَيْنِ الْعَطْفِ

## عَطِلَ

578. Out of work, unemployed. ٥٧٨. عَاطِلٌ عَنِ الْعَمَلِ  
579. To be out of action. ٥٧٩. تَعَطَّلَ عَنِ الْعَمَلِ

## عَظَّمَ

580. King ..... (honorific epithet.) ٥٨٠. الْمَلِكُ ... الْمُعَظَّمُ

## عَقَا

581. I beg your pardon! ٥٨١. الْعَفْوُ مِنْكَ!

## عَقَبَ

582. The imposition of economic sanctions. ٥٨٢. فَرَضَ عُقُوبَاتٍ اِقْتِصَادِيَّةٍ

## عَقَدَ

583. Getting married. ٥٨٣. عَقَدَ الْقِرَانِ  
584. It is believed that.... ٥٨٤. مِنَ الْمُعْتَقَدِ أَنَّ...

## عَقَلَ

585. Of unsound mind ; mentally disturbed. ٥٨٥. مُخْتَلِّ الْعَقْلِ

586. The irrational. ٥٨٦. اللَّامَعْقُولِ

## عَكَّرَ

587. He poisoned the atmosphere (in a relationship, for example) between them. ٥٨٧. عَكَّرَ صَفْوَةَ الْجَوِّ بَيْنَهُمَا

## عَكَّسَ

588. No, quite the opposite/on the contrary! ٥٨٨. لَا ، بِالْعَكْسِ!

## عَلَّ

589. Cause and effect. ٥٨٩. الْعِلَّةُ وَالْمَعْلُولُ

## عَلِقَ

590. Great hopes were placed in him. عُلِّقَتْ عَلَيْهِ آمَالٌ كَبِيرَةٌ

## عَلِمَ

591. I know as much as you do about it! (I.e., not much.) عِلْمِي عِلْمُكَ!  
How should I know?!

592. For your information. لِلْمَعْلُومَةِ

593. God (only) knows! اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ!

## عَلَى

594. Having in mind that, عَلَى أَنْ...  
hoping that...

595. However. عَلَى أَنْ...

596. And therefore... وَعَلَيْهِ.....

## عم

597. Colloquial. (For example, العامَّة colloquial Arabic.)

598. The elite and the general run of people. الْخَاصَّةُ وَالْعَامَّةُ

## عَمَرَ

599. He is 12 years of age. يَبْلُغُ مِنَ الْعُمُرِ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً

600. In all parts of the world. فِي كُلِّ أَنْحَاءِ الْمَعْمُورَةِ.

## عَمِلَ

601. The provisions in force. الْأَحْكَامُ الْمَعْمُولُ بِهَا

## عِنْدَ

602. At sunset. عِنْدَ غُرُوبِ الشَّمْسِ
603. He was held in high esteem by him. كَانَ عِنْدَ حَسَنِ ظَنِّهِ

## عَنَفَ

604. In the full bloom of youth. فِي عُنْفُوانِ شَبَابِهِ

## عُنُونَ

605. Proverbial. 'The book is read from its title'. Small indications can tell you the whole story. يُقْرَأُ الْكِتَابُ مِنْ عُنْوَانِهِ

614. With the help of God. ٦١٤. بِعَوْنِ اللَّهِ
- عَابَ
615. Shame on you. ٦١٥. عَيْبٌ عَلَيْكَ !
- عَاشَ
616. Long live the King! ٦١٦. عَاشَ الْمَلِكُ !
- عَيْنَ
617. An eye witness. ٦١٧. شَاهِدُ عَيْنٍ

606. The parties concerned. ٦٠٦. الْأَطْرَافُ الْمَعْنِيَّةُ
- عَوَجَ
607. The tail of the dog remains crooked. Proverbial for someone who is incorrigible. ٦٠٧. ذَنْبُ الْكَلْبِ يَظَلُّ أَعْوَجَ
- عَادَ
608. In accordance with custom or habit. ٦٠٨. حَسَبَ الْعَادَةِ
609. Ritual phrase. '..... that hospitality to which you have accustomed us'. ٦٠٩. الضِّيَافَةُ الَّتِي عَوَّدْتُمُونَا عَلَيْهَا
610. .... never to return. ٦١٠. إِلَى غَيْرِ عَوْدَةٍ
611. A re-examination of the subject. ٦١١. إِعَادَةُ النَّظَرِ فِي الْمَوْضُوعِ
612. (Congratulations on day of religious or personal celebration.) Happy Feast! ٦١٢. عِيدٌ مُبَارَكٌ !
- عَانَ
613. May God Help him! ٦١٣. أَعَانَهُ اللَّهُ !

624. There was abundant rainfall. هَطَلَتِ الْأَمْطَارُ . ٦٢٤  
بَغْزَارَةٍ

625. Brain-washing. غَسَلَ . ٦٢٥  
غَسَلُ دِمَاحٍ

626. He fainted. غُشِيَ . ٦٢٦  
غُشِيَ عَلَيْهِ

627. A heavily-populated area. غَصَّ . ٦٢٧  
مِنْطَقَةً غَاصَّةً  
بِالسُّكَّانِ

628. In the meantime ; at the same time. غَضِنَ . ٦٢٨  
فِي غُضُونِ ذَلِكَ

629. I beg pardon of God. (Modest disclaimer, or hearing praise of oneself, for example) عَفَرَ . ٦٢٩  
أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ !

630. The late.... ٦٣٠  
الْمَعْفُورُ لَهُ

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618. Clear, plain, incontestable. غَبَرَ . ٦١٨  
لَا غُبَارَ عَلَيْهِ

619. The esteemed newspaper .... الغَرَاءُ .... جَرِيدَةُ . ٦١٩  
(Honorific applied by competitor.)

620. The first of the month. غُرَّةُ الشَّهْرِ . ٦٢٠

621. He took him unawares. أَخَذَهُ عَلَى حِينِ غِرَةٍ . ٦٢١

622. Along the lines of; on the model of... عَلَى غِرَارٍ ... . ٦٢٢

623. It is not surprising ; it is no wonder that.... لا غَرَوْ فِي أَنَّ ... . ٦٢٣

## غَمَدَ

٦٣١. Formal expression of condolence. 'May God enfold the late lamented with his abundant mercy'.  
 تَغَمَّدَ اللَّهُ الْفَقِيدَ بِوَاسِعِ رَحْمَتِهِ

## غَنِمَ

٦٣٢. I seize the opportunity to.....  
 أَغْتَنِمُ الْفُرْصَةَ لِأَنَّ

## غَنِيَ

٦٣٣. There is no need to add ; needless to say that....  
 غَنِيَ عَنِ الْبَيَانِ أَنَّ

## غَابَ

٦٣٤. It slipped my mind.  
 غَابَ عَنِّي بِالْي.

## غَيَّرَ

٦٣٥. Only. (In commercial transactions mainly).  
 فَقَطُّ لَا غَيْرُ

٦٣٦. Without his knowledge.  
 عَلَى غَيْرِ مَعْرِفَةٍ مِنْهُ

٦٣٧. He changed his mind.  
 غَيَّرَ فِكْرَهُ

## - ف -

## ف

٦٣٨. Day after day.  
 يَوْمًا فَيَوْمًا

٦٣٩. Although.....  
 بِالرُّغْمِ مِنْ أَنَّ... فَإِنَّ....

٦٤٠. As for..... ; however ; in fact, ....  
 أَمَّا ..... فَ .....  
 etc.

## فَأَلَّ

٦٤١. Cautiously optimistic.  
 مُتَفَائِلٌ بِحَذَرٍ

## فَتَحَ

٦٤٢. Patience is the key to relief.  
 الصَّبْرُ مِفْتَاحُ الْفَرَجِ  
 Proverbial.

٦٤٣. The 'Fatiha'. (Opening chapter of the Koran.)  
 الْفَاتِحَةُ

٦٤٤. الفاتحُ مِنْ شَهْرٍ أَيْلُولَ (سبتمبر)  
644. The first of September.

- فَتَرَ  
٦٤٥. بَيْنَ فِتْرَةٍ وَأُخْرَى  
645. From time to time.

- فَتَا  
٦٤٦. اسْتِفْتَاءً عَامًّا  
646. A general referendum.

- فَجَّ  
٦٤٧. مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ وَصَوْبٍ  
647. From every direction.

- فَخَمَ  
٦٤٨. فَخَامَةً الرَّئِيسِ !  
648. Your Excellency, the President !

- فَدَحَ  
٦٤٩. خَسَائِرُ فَادِحَةٍ  
649. Very heavy losses.

- فَدَى  
٦٥٠. الْمَلِكُ ... الْمُفْدَى  
650. King ..... (with honorific epithet.)

- فَرَجَ  
٦٥١. تَمَّ الْإِفْرَاجُ عَنِ الرِّهَائِنِ  
651. The hostages were released

٦٥٢. زَاوِيَّةٌ مُنْفَرِجَةٌ  
652. An obtuse angle (geometry).

- فَرَدَ  
٦٥٣. كِتَابٌ فَرِيدٌ مِنْ نَوْعِهِ  
653. A book unique of its kind.

٦٥٤. انْفَرَدَتِ الْجَرِيدَةُ بِنَشْرِ الْخَبَرِ  
654. The newspaper had an exclusive in publishing the news/had a 'scoop'.

- فَرَضَ  
٦٥٥. كَانَ مِنَ الْمَفْرُوضِ أَنْ يَذْهَبَ.  
655. He was supposed to go.

- فَرَّغَ  
٦٥٦. سَأَنْتَظِرُكَ بِفَارِغٍ الصَّبْرِ  
656. I shall be waiting impatiently for you.

٦٥٧. كَلَامٌ فَارِغٌ !  
657. Rubbish ! Nonsense !

٦٥٨. فِي أَوْقَاتِ فَرَاعِكَ  
658. In your spare time.

## فَرَّقَ

659. Divide and rule. فَرَّقَ تَسَدُّ  
660. Racial discrimination. التَّفْرِقَةُ العُنْصَرِيَّةُ

## فَرَّوْ

661. Proverb. (All the game is in the belly of the wild ass.) كُلُّ الصَّيْدِ فِي جَوْفِ الْفِرَاءِ  
Someone or thing with the right qualities relieves you of the need to have resort to others.

## فَصَحَّ

662. Classical Arabic. اللُّغَةُ الْعَرَبِيَّةُ الْفُصْحَى

## فَصَّلَ

663. 'And here is the news in detail.' إِلَيْكُمْ الْأَخْبَارُ بِالتَّفْصِيلِ

## فَضَحَ

664. He was involved in a scandal. أَفْضَحَ أَمْرَهُ

## فَضَّلَ

665. A great deal is due to him ; he deserves a great deal of credit. لَهُ فَضْلٌ كَبِيرٌ  
666. Apart from ; in addition to. فَضْلًا عَنْ ...  
667. The credit for that must go to him. الْفَضْلُ فِي ذَلِكَ عَائِدٌ إِلَيْهِ  
668. Motto found in many public places : 'This is due to the graciousness of my Lord God'. هَذَا مِنْ فَضْلِ رَبِّي

## فَطَرَ

669. The Feast at the end of Ramadan. عِيدُ الْفِطْرِ

## فَعَلَ

670. Yes, indeed ! Quite so !, etc. فَعَلًا !  
671. Actually ; in fact. بِالْفِعْلِ  
672. With retroactive effect. بِالْمَفْعُولِ الرَّجْعِيِّ

## فَكَ

673. Troop disengagement agreement. اتِّفَاقِيَّةُ فَكَ الْأَرْتِبَاطِ

٦٨١. Let bygones be bygones! . الَّذِي فَاتَ مَاتَ .  
(Lit. : What is dead has gone)

٦٨٢. Immediately. . فَوْرًا .

٦٨٣. Extraordinary ; unusual . فَوْقَ الْعَادَةِ .

٦٨٤. A pack of lies! . كَذِبٌ فِي كَذِبٍ !  
٦٨٥. Multiply 3 by 5! . اضْرِبْ ثَلَاثَةً فِي خَمْسَةٍ !

٦٨٦. According to news reports . تَفِيدُ الْأَنْبَاءُ الْوَارِدَةُ  
from Amman.... مِنْ عَمَّانَ أَنَّ...  
٦٨٧. A rumour to the effect that..... إِشَاعَةٌ مَفَادُهَا أَنَّ...

٦٧٤. By the way .... . عَلَى فِكْرَةٍ ...

٦٧٥. Light entertainment . الْبَرَامِجُ الْفُكَاهِيَّةُ  
programmes.

٦٧٦. Come to salvation. (From the ! حَيَّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ !  
Muslim call to prayer).

٦٧٧. At such-and-such a time. . فِي السَّاعَةِ الْفُلَانِيَّةِ .

٦٧٨. Madness takes all forms. . الْجُنُونُ فُنُونٌ .

٦٧٩. He was totally/selflessly . تَفَانَى فِي إِخْلَاصِهِ  
devoted to his work. لِلْعَمَلِ

٦٨٠. The talks proceeded in an . جَرَتْ الْمُحَادَثَاتُ  
atmosphere of complete . فِي جَوْ مِنْ التَّفَاهُمِ  
mutual understanding. التَّامِ



694. It is not within his power  
to...; he cannot....
٦٩٤. لَيْسَ بِمَقْدُورِهِ  
أَنْ...

695. Jerusalem.
٦٩٥. الْقُدْسُ الشَّرِيفُ

696. Something irrelevant.  
(Neither advances nor  
retards).
٦٩٦. شَيْءٌ لَا يُقَدِّمُ وَلَا  
يُؤَخِّرُ

697. Smoothly. (For example,  
work going on.)
٦٩٧. عَلَى قَدَمٍ وَسَاقٍ

698. Of great antiquity.
٦٩٨. عَرِيقٌ فِي الْقِدَمِ

699. Long, long ago....
٦٩٩. فِي قَدِيمِ الزَّمَانِ

700. He imitated the example of X.
٧٠٠. اقْتَدَى قُدْوَةَ فُلَانٍ

701. The view was taken that... ..
٧٠١. قَرَّ الرَّأْيُ عَلَى أَنْ...

702. The apple of his eye.
٧٠٢. قُرَّةُ عَيْنِهِ

703. The meeting due to be held...
٧٠٣. الْاجْتِمَاعُ الْمُقَرَّرُ  
عَقْدُهُ

## - ق -

688. Quotations from the local  
press.
٦٨٨. مُقْتَبَسَاتٌ مِنَ  
الصُّحُفِ الْمَحَلِّيَّةِ

689. .... than before (after a  
comparative).
٦٨٩. مِنْ ذِي قَبْلُ

690. Something of this sort.
٦٩٠. شَيْءٌ مِنْ هَذَا الْقَبِيلِ

691. The situation was reviewed  
by...
٦٩١. جَرَى اسْتِعْرَاضُ  
الْوَضْعِ مِنْ  
قَبْلِ...

692. Negotiable.
٦٩٢. قَابِلٌ لِلتَّفَاوُضِ

693. Fate and Destiny. (Pious  
ejaculation in comment on,  
for example, a death or accident.)
٦٩٣. قَضَاءٌ وَقَدَرٌ

قرأ

٧٠٤. إِسْتِقْرَائِيّ

704. Inductive (philosophy)

قَرُبَ

٧٠٥. بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْ ...

705. Near to.

٧٠٦. لَا عِلَاقَةَ لَهُ

706. It has absolutely no

بِالْمَوْضُوعِ لَا مِنْ قَرِيبٍ وَلَا مِنْ بَعِيدٍ (neither subject in any way connection with the from nearby nor from afar.)

قَرَسَ

٧٠٧. بَرْدٌ قَارِسٌ

707. Biting cold.

قَرَنَ

٧٠٨. ذُو الْقَرْنَيْنِ

708. Alexander the Great.

٧٠٩. قَرِينَةُ السَّيِّدِ ...

709. The wife of Mr. X.

قَسَمَ

٧١٠. أَقْسِمُ بِاللَّهِ!

710. I swear by God!

قصا

٧١١. بَعْنَةُ تَقْصِي الْحَقَائِقِ

711. A fact-finding mission.

قَضَمَ

٧١٢. الْحَيَوَانَاتُ الْقَاضِمَةُ  
(الْقَوَارِضُ)

712. Rodents.

قَضَى

٧١٣. إِذَا اقْتَضَتِ الْحَاجَةُ

713. If need be.

قَطَعَ

٧١٤. مُنْقَطِعُ النَّظِيرِ

714. Unparalleled, incomparable.

قَطَفَ

٧١٥. مُقْتَطَفَاتٌ مِنْ  
الصُّحُفِ الْأَجْنِبِيَّةِ.

715. Extracts from the foreign press.

قَعَدَ

٧١٦. قَعِيدُ الْمَنْزِلِ

716. Confined to the house.

قَلَّ

٧١٧. إِلَّا مَا قَلَّ وَتَدَرَّ

717. With a few exceptions only.

٧١٨. قَلَّمَا

718. Seldom.

قَلَبَ

٧١٩. مُحَاوَلَةٌ لِقَلْبِ نِظَامِ  
الْحُكْمِ

719. An attempt to overthrow the regime.

قَلِقَ

٧٢٠. حالة المريض تدعو إلى القلق.  
720. The patient's condition gives cause for concern.

قَنَّ

٧٢١. غير قانوني.  
721. Illegal.
٧٢٢. نظام التقنين.  
722. The system of rationing.

قَالَ

٧٢٣. قيل وقال.  
723. Gossip.

قَامَ

٧٢٤. قامت القيامة.  
724. There was a great commotion.

٧٢٥. أقام دعوى على.  
725. He took.... to court ; made a complaint against...

٧٢٦. مصائب قوم عند قوم فوائد.  
726. It's an ill wind that blows no one any good. (Proverb :  
'The disasters of one tribe are the benefits of another')

قَوِيَ

٧٢٧. القوى العاملة.  
727. The work force.

## - ك -

كَبَحَ

٧٢٨. كبح جماحه.  
728. He muzzled him ; placed considerable restraints on him.

كَبَدَ

٧٢٩. تكبد العدو خسائر فادحة.  
729. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy.

كَبَّرَ

٧٣٠. الله أكبر!  
730. God is Most Great!
٧٣١. كبر.  
731. He said 'God is Most Great !'

كَبَسَ

٧٣٢. سنة كبيسة.  
732. A Leap Year.

كَبَشَ

٧٣٣. كبش الفداء.  
733. Scapegoat.

## كَتَبَ

٧٣٤. مَكْتُوبٌ! 734. It was written! (*Fatalism*)  
 ٧٣٥. أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ 735. The People of the Book.  
 (*Those religions which believe in a revealed book*).

## كَتَفَ

٧٣٦. لَنْ نَبْقَى مَكْتُوفِي 736. We shall not stand idly by.  
 (Diplomatic threat of الأيدي retaliation.)

## كَتَمَ

٧٣٧. أَحِيطَ الْمَوْضُوعُ 737. The subject was shrouded in  
 بِالتَّكْتُمِ التَّامِّ the most complete secrecy.

## كَثَفَ

٧٣٨. جُهُودٌ دَيْبُلُومَاسِيَّةٌ 738. Intense diplomatic activity.  
 مُكَثَّفَةٌ

## كَحَلَ

٧٣٩. مَا اكْتَحَلْتُ عَيْنِي 739. I could not get to sleep.  
 غِمَاضًا

## كَدَحَ

٧٤٠. الْجَمَاهِيرُ الْكَادِحَةُ 740. The toiling masses.

## كَذَبَ

٧٤١. كَذَبَتِ الْوِزَارَةُ 741. The Ministry denied the  
 مَزَاعِمَ الصَّحَفِيِّ allegations of the foreign  
 الْأَجْنَبِيِّ journalist.

## كَرَّرَ

٧٤٢. مِرَارًا وَتَكَرَّرًا 742. Over and over again.

## كَرَّمَ

٧٤٣. كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ وَجْهَهُ 743. May God ennoble his face!  
 (Said of holy and distinguished men in Islam).

٧٤٤. أَكْرَمَ مِنْ حَاتِمِ 744. More generous than Hatim  
 طَيْئِ Tai. (Proverbial symbol of Arab hospitality).

٧٤٥. كَرِيمَةٌ (فُلَانٍ) 745. The daughter of So-and-so.

## كَشَفَ

٧٤٦. لَمْ يُكْشَفِ النَّقَابُ 746. The contents of the message  
 عَنْ مَضْمُونِ الرِّسَالَةِ were not revealed.

٧٤٧. حِسَابٌ مَكْشُوفٌ 747. An overdrawn account.

## كَعَبَ

٧٤٨. مِثْرٌ مُكَعَّبٌ 748. A cubic metre.

كَفَّ

749. The entire British people. الشَّعْبُ الْبَرِيطَانِيَّ كَافَّةً

كَفَى

750. .... and that is enough! وَكَفَى !

كَلَّ

751. His efforts were crowned with تَكَالَلَتْ جُهُودُهُ success.

752. We have the highest نُقَدِّرُهُ كُلَّ التَّقْدِيرِ appreciation of him.

753. The whole thing is.... ; in a كُلُّ مَا فِي الْأَمْرِ أَنْ... nutshell.

754. Certainly not! (Negation of كَلَّا ! immediately preceding).

كَلَبَ

755. Proverb : 'The dogs bark and تَنْبُحُ الْكِلَابُ the caravan proceeds on its وَالْقَافِلَةُ تَسِيرُ way'.

كَلَفَ

756. He took the trouble to... كَلَفَ خَاطِرَهُ ...

757. It cost him a fortune/an كَلَّفَهُ ثَمَنًا بَاهِظًا enormous amount.

758. Someone giving himself airs ; شَخْصٌ مُتَكَلِّفٌ a presumptuous person.

كَمْ

759. How many times.... كَمْ مِنْ مَرَّةٍ

كَمَلَ

760. Perfection is God's (alone). الْكَمَالُ لِلَّهِ (Proverbial for pardoning human error).

761. The whole world. الْعَالَمُ بِأَكْمَلِهِ

كَنَفَ

762. Under the protection of so- (فُلَانٍ) فِي أَكْنَافِ (فُلَانٍ) and-so.

كَنَهَ

763. He knows the essence of the يَعْرِفُهُ كُنْهَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ subject.

كَنَا

764. It is a kind of... هُوَ كِنَايَةٌ عَنْ...

كَادَ

٧٦٥. As soon as he arrived..... لَمْ يَكَدْ يَصِلْ حَتَّى ..

كَانَ

٧٦٦. Because he was/had been a تَلْمِيزًا سَابِقًا لِكَوْنِهِ  
former pupil. (NB Use of  
verbal noun)

٧٦٧. The leading/most prominent مَكَانُ الصَّدَارَةِ  
position.

كَاسَ

٧٦٨. No one learns except from his لَا يَتَعَلَّمُ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا  
own pocket. (Proverbial مِنْ كَيْسِهِ  
for learning by hard  
experience).

كَافَ

٧٦٩. No matter how the situation كَيْفَمَا كَانَ الْحَالُ  
was.

٧٧٠. Just as you like. عَلَى كَيْفِكَ!

## - ل -

لَا

٧٧١. There is no God but God. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ.

٧٧٢. There is no good/value/ لَا خَيْرَ فِيهِ  
benefit in it.

٧٧٣. Especially. لَا سِيَّما

٧٧٤. Neither.... nor. لَا ... وَلَا

لَبَّ

٧٧٥. The heart of the matter. لُبُّ الْمَوْضُوعِ

٧٧٦. Proverbial. 'The wise إِنَّ اللَّيِّبَ مِنْ  
man understands simply  
from a sign.'  
(Verbum sat....)

لَبَسَ

٧٧٧. The ramifications of the case. مُلَابَسَاتُ الْقَضِيَّةِ

لَبِيَّ

٧٧٨. لَبَيْكَ! 778. We have responded to your

call!

٧٧٩. تَلْبِيَّةٌ لِدَعْوَةٍ 779. In response to the invitation  
(فَلَانٍ) of so-and-so.

لَتَّ

٧٨٠. لَتَّ وَعَجَنَّ 780. The same old story. (Lit.:  
'pounding and kneading' in  
the preparation of food).

لَحَدَ

٧٨١. مِنَ الْمَهْدِ إِلَى اللَّحْدِ 781. From the cradle to the grave.

لَحَظَ

٧٨٢. مِمَّا يُلَاحَظُ أَنَّ... 782. It is noticeable that...

لَحِقَ

٧٨٣. فِي وَقْتٍ لَاحِقٍ 783. Later, subsequently.

٧٨٤. اتَّحَقَّ بِالْجَيْشِ 784. He joined the army.

لدى

٧٨٥. السَّفِيرُ الْفَرَنْسِيُّ لَدَى 785. The French Ambassador to  
الْأَمَمِ الْمُتَّحِدَةِ the UN.

لَذَّ

٧٨٦. مَا أَلَذَّ الْحَدِيثَ 786. It is so nice to talk to you!  
مَعَكُمْ!

لَزِمَ

٧٨٧. إِذَا اسْتَلْزَمَ الْأَمْرُ 787. If the situation requires that.  
ذَلِكَ٧٨٨. ابْنُ عَمٍّ لَزِمَ 788. A very close male relative;  
first cousin.

٧٨٩. عِنْدَ الْزُرُومِ 789. In case of necessity.

لَسَنَ

٧٩٠. لِسَانٌ جَدِيدٌ 790. Proverbial. 'A new language  
is a new man.'٧٩١. حَمَلَةٌ تَلَاْسُنِ إِذَاعِيٍّ 791. A radio war of words; a  
broadcast campaign of  
mutual vituperation.

لَطَفَ

٧٩٢. يَا لَطِيفُ! 792. O God! (O Kindly One!)  
Expression of surprise.

لَعِبَ

٧٩٣. تَلَاعَبَ بِالْكَلِمَاتِ 793. Playing on words.

## لَفَّ

٧٩٤. بَعْدَ اللَّفِّ وَالِدَوْرَانِ . After a lot of beating around the bush.

## لَفَّتْ

٧٩٥. مِمَّا يَلْفِتُ النَّظَرَ... . It is noticeable that...

## لَقِيَ

٧٩٦. لَقِيَ حَظَّهُ/مَصْرَعَهُ . He met his death.

٧٩٧. الْمَسْئُولِيَّاتُ الْمُلْقَاةُ عَلَى عَاتِقِهِ . The responsibilities placed on him.

٧٩٨. مِنْ تِلْقَاءِ نَفْسِهِ . Voluntarily, spontaneously, of his own free will.

٧٩٩. إِلَى اللَّقَاءِ . Au revoir!

## لَوْ

٨٠٠. لَوْ لَا أَبِي لَمَا عَرَفْتُ رَبِّي . Proverbial 'Had it not been for my father I should not have known my Lord God'.

## لَوْنٌ

٨٠١. جَمِيعُ أَلْوَانِ الْأَطْعِمَةِ . All kinds of food.

## لَوَى

٨٠٢. لَا يَعْرِفُ الْحَيَّ مِنْ اللَّيِّ . He has no idea what is going on; does not have a clue.

(Lit.: 'does not know the snake from the water pipe'.)

## لَاتَ

٨٠٣. لَيْتَهُ كَانَ هُنَا ! . If only he were here.



مَثَل

810. He appeared in court. مَثَلٌ أَمَامَ الْمَحْكَمَةِ .٨١٠

811. Parity of treatment. الْمُعَامَلَةُ بِالمِثْلِ .٨١١

مَجَنَّ

812. Medical services are provided gratis. ٨١٢. تَقَدَّمَ الخِدْمَاتُ الطَّبِيبِيَّةُ مَجَانًّا

مَحْض

813. Pure Arabic. ٨١٣. لُغَةٌ عَرَبِيَّةٌ مَحْضٌ

مَحَا

814. The elimination of illiteracy. ٨١٤. مَحَوُ الْأُمِّيَّةِ

مَدَّ

815. He put out the hand of friendship. ٨١٥. مَدَّ يَدَ الصَّدَاقَةِ

816. Proverb. 'Stretch out your legs according to your carpet'. Do not live above your means. ٨١٦. عَلَى قَدْرِ بَسَاطَتِكَ مَدَّ رِجْلَيْكَ

817. Raw materials ; primary materials. ٨١٧. مَوَادُّ خَامٌ

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مَا

804. How beautiful he is! ٨٠٤. مَا أَجْمَلُهُ!

805. Expression of astonishment and admiration. ('what God wills!') ٨٠٥. مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ!

806. Some day. ٨٠٦. يَوْمًا مَا

مِئَّة

807. Forty-five degrees Centigrade. ٨٠٧. خَمْسٌ وَأَرْبَعُونَ دَرَجَةً مِئْوِيَّةً

مَتَّ

808. It has no connection with... ٨٠٨. لَا يَمُتُ بِصِلَةٍ إِلَى...

مَتْن

809. On board the aircraft. ٨٠٩. عَلَى مَتْنِ الطَّائِرَةِ

818. He ignored the subject/  
incident as people with  
dignity do.

٨١٨. مَرَّ مُرُورَ الْكِرَامِ

819. With the passage of time.

٨١٩. مَعَ مُرُورِ الْوَقْتِ

820. Contagious diseases.

٨٢٠. أَمْرَاضٌ مُعْدِيَّةٌ

821. The end is the best. (Lit. :  
'The end is musk')

٨٢١. الْخِتَامُ مِسْكٌ

822. In accordance with.

٨٢٢. تَمْشِيًا مَعَ ...

823. He went on to say...

٨٢٣. مَضَى فِي كَلَامِهِ

824. He went on to say...

٨٢٤. مَضَى قَائِلًا

825. A year ago.

٨٢٥. مِنْ سَنَةٍ مَضَتْ

826. Although.....

٨٢٦. مَعَ أَنَّ

827. Nonetheless....

٨٢٧. وَمَعَ ذَلِكَ ....

828. He peered closely at...  
أَمَعَنَ النَّظَرَ فِي ... ٨٢٨

829. The maximum possible.  
أَكْثَرُ مَا يُمَكِّنُ. ٨٢٩

830. (He) has excellent command  
of the language.  
مُتَمَكِّنٌ مِنَ اللُّغَةِ. ٨٣٠

831. As much as possible.  
بِقَدْرِ الْإِمْكَانِ ٨٣١

832. I have complete freedom  
to....  
لِي مِلْءُ الْحُرِّيَةِ فِي  
أَنْ ... ٨٣٢

833. No one can....  
مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَقْدِرُ  
أَنْ ... ٨٣٣

834. I saw all the books he had.  
رَأَيْتُ كُلَّ مَا عِنْدَهُ.  
مِنْ كُتُبٍ ٨٣٤

835. If what the papers say is true,  
to the effect that....  
إِذَا صَحَّ مَا قَالَتْهُ  
الصُّحُفُ مِنْ أَنَّ ... ٨٣٥

836. I shall be terribly grateful.  
سَأَكُونُ مَمْنُونًا كُلَّ  
الْأَمْتِنَانِ ٨٣٦

٨٣٧. أَقْبَلُ الدَّعْوَةَ بِكُلِّ  
امْتِنَانٍ. 837. I accept the invitation with  
gratitude.

مُنْذُ

٨٣٨. مُنْذُ عَهْدٍ قَرِيبٍ. 838. Since very recently.

مَنْعَ

٨٣٩. مَمْنُوعُ الْوُقُوفِ مَنَعًا  
بَاطِلًا. 839. Parking absolutely  
prohibited.

منى

٨٤٠. نَتَمَنَّى لَكُمْ النَّجَاحَ  
وَالْتَوْفِيقَ. 840. We wish you every success.

مَهْلَ

٨٤١. عَلَى مَهْلِكَ! 841. Take it easy! Go slowly!

مَهْمَا

٨٤٢. مَهْمَا كَلَّفَ الْأَمْرُ. 842. Regardless of cost.

مَاتَ

٨٤٣. دَافَعُوا عَنِ الْمَرْكَزِ  
دِفَاعًا مُسْتَمِيتًا. 843. They put up a desperate  
defence of the position.

مَاهُ

٨٤٤. أَنْقَذُوا مَاءَ وَجْهِهِ. 844. They saved his face.

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نَبَهَ

٨٤٥. نَلَفْتُ انْتِبَاهَ  
حَضَرَاتِكُمْ إِلَى... 845. We draw your attention to...  
(Attendant's announce-  
ment, for example).

٨٤٦. مَمْنُوعُ اسْتِعْمَالِ آلَةِ  
التَّنْبِيهِ. 846. The use of car-horns is  
forbidden.

نَخَبَ

٨٤٧. الْمُنْتَخَبُ الْوَطَنِيُّ. 847. The national team. (Soccer,  
for example)

نَزَعَ

٨٤٨. مِِنْطَقَةٌ مَزْرُوعَةُ السَّلَاحِ. 848. Demilitarized zone.

٨٤٩. مِِنْطَقَةٌ مُتَنَازِعٌ عَلَيْهَا. 849. An area in dispute.

نَزَفَ

٨٥٠. حَرْبُ اسْتِنزَافٍ. 850. A war of attrition.

## نَطَحَ

858. Sky-scrapers.

.٨٥٨ نَاطِحَاتُ السَّحَابِ

## نَطَقَ

859. Extensively.

.٨٥٩ عَلَى نِطَاقٍ وَاسِعٍ .

## نَظَرَ

860. In the foreseeable future.

.٨٦٠ فِي الْمُسْتَقْبَلِ  
الْمَنْظُورِ

## نَظَّمَ

861. The composition of poetry.

.٨٦١ نَظَّمَ الشَّعْرَ

## نَعَمَ

862. In good times and bad.

.٨٦٢ فِي النَّعْمَاءِ وَالْبَأْسَاءِ

863. In his youth/his tender years

.٨٦٣ فِي نَعُومَةِ أَظْفَارِهِ

(When the nails were soft)

## نَفَذَ

864. A man of influence.

.٨٦٤ صَاحِبُ نُفُوذٍ

865. The Executive Committee.

.٨٦٥ اللِّجْنَةُ التَّنْفِيزِيَّةُ

## نَفَرَ

866. State of maximum alert.

.٨٦٦ حَالَةُ اسْتِنْفَارٍ قُصْوَى

## نَزَلَ

851. In compliance with the wishes of those attending/the audience...  
.٨٥١ نَزُولًا عِنْدَ رَغْبَةِ الْحُضُورِ852. He agreed to forego his right (s).  
.٨٥٢ تَنَازَلَ عَنْ حَقِّهِ

## نَسَبَ

853. The offence attributed to him.  
.٨٥٣ الْمُخَالَفَةُ الْمَنْسُوبَةُ إِلَيْهِ

## نَسِيَ

854. I can never forget. (Catch ...  
.٨٥٤ إِنْ أَنْسَ لَنْ أَنْسَى ...  
phrase : 'If I forget I shall never forget...')

## نَصَبَ

855. His share of that was nothing.  
.٨٥٥ كَانَ نَصِيْبُهُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ لَا شَيْءَ856. The (National) Lottery.  
.٨٥٦ الْيَانِصِبُ

## نَصَفَ

857. 50/50 (profit-sharing) agreement.  
.٨٥٧ اتِّفَاقُ الْمُنَاصَفَةِ

## نَكَبَ

873. A disaster area. ٨٧٣. مَنَظَرَةٌ مَنَكُوبَةٌ

## نَكَرَ

874. Ingratitude. ٨٧٤. نُكْرَانُ الْجَمِيلِ

## نَمَطَ

875. They are of the same kind. ٨٧٥. هُمْ عَلَى نَمَطٍ وَاحِدٍ

## نَمَا

876. The developing countries. ٨٧٦. الدُّوَلُ النَّامِيَّةُ

877. Development projects. ٨٧٧. مَشَارِيعُ إِنْمَائِيَّةٍ

## نَهَرَ

878. He seized the opportunity to ٨٧٨. اِنْتَهَزَ الْفُرْصَةَ لِيُعْبَرَ  
express his gratitude. عَنْ شُكْرِهِ

## نَهَضَ

879. He rose to responsibility. ٨٧٩. نَهَضَ بِالمَسْئُولِيَّةِ  
(That is, he was up to it.)

## نَهَى

880. Extremely accurate, ٨٨٠. فِي مُنْتَهَى الدَّقَّةِ  
precise, delicate.

## نَفَسَ

867. Competition was at its most ٨٦٧. كَانَتِ الْمُنَافَسَةُ عَلَى  
intense. أَشَدِّهَا

## نَفَقَ

868. At the expense of so-and-so. ٨٦٨. عَلَى نَفَقَةِ فُلَانٍ  
(Lit. : 'He bore the  
expenses.')

## نَقَبَ

869. Oil exploration operations. ٨٦٩. عَمَلِيَّاتُ التَّنْقِيبِ  
عَنِ النَّفْطِ

## نَقَدَ

870. Payment in cash. ٨٧٠. الدَّفْعُ نَقْدًا

## نَقَصَ

871. More or less. (In the sense of, ٨٧١. زَائِدٌ نَاقِصٌ  
for example 'plus or minus  
5%')

## نَقَلَ

872. Radio .... says, quoting..... ٨٧٢. وَقَالَ رَادِيُو ... نَقَلًا  
عَنْ.....

## نَابَ

٨٨١. تَنَآوَبُوا الْعَمَلَ . They took turns at the work ;  
they worked shifts.

## نَاعَ

٨٨٢. نَوْعًا مَا . To some extent.

## نَافَ

٨٨٣. عِشْرُونَ سَنَةً وَنَيْفَ . Twenty years and some.

## نَالَ

٨٨٤. فِي مُتَنَآوَلِ الْجَمِيعِ . Within reach of everyone.

## نَامَ

٨٨٥. نَائِمٌ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ . Sound asleep ; fast asleep.

## نَوَى

٨٨٦. سَلِيمُ النِّيَّةِ . Of good intentions.

## نَالَ

٨٨٧. صَعَبُ الْمَنَالِ . Difficult of attainment.

٨٨٨. نَالَ مِنْ سَمْعَتِهِ . He detracted from his good  
name.

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## هَبَا

٨٨٩. ذَهَبَ هَبَاءً . It was a complete waste ; it  
went in vain.

## هَتَفَ

٨٩٠. عاصِفَةٌ مِنَ الْهَتَافِ . A storm of applause.

## هَدَأَ

٨٩١. هَدَّأْتُ السَّرْعَةَ ! Reduce speed ! Slow down !

## هَدَفَ

٨٩٢. الْأَدَبُ الْهَادِفُ . 'Engaged', committed  
literature.

## هَضَمَ

٨٩٣. شَخْصٌ « مَهْضُومٌ » . A 'digestible' person. One  
who is very amiable.

هَلَّ

٨٩٤. He began the session with... اِسْتَهْلَ الْجَلْسَةَ بِ...

٨٩٥. At the beginning of our broadcasting for today..... فِي مُسْتَهْلٍ إِذَاعَتِنَا لِهَذَا الْيَوْمِ .....  
(Radio announcement).

هَلَكَ

٨٩٦. Depreciation account. حِسَابُ الْإِسْتِهْلَاكِ

هَلَمَّ

٨٩٧. And so on and so forth. وَهَلَمَّ جَرًّا

هَمَّ

٨٩٨. He was just about to get into his car. كَانَ يَهْمُّ بِرُكُوبِ سَيَارَتِهِ.

هَنِيءٌ

٨٩٩. Most sincere congratulations. أَخْلَصُ التَّهْنِائِي

هَانَ

٩٠٠. Something not to be taken lightly ; something of importance. شَيْءٌ لَا يُسْتَهَانُ بِهِ

هَوِيَّ

٩٠١. Sports fans. هَوَاةُ الرِّيَاضَةِ

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و

٩٠٢. It is not consonant with their principles. لَا يَتَّفِقُ وَمَبَادِيئَهُمْ

٩٠٣. He arrived while the sun was rising. وَصَلَ وَالشَّمْسُ طَالِعَةٌ

٩٠٤. By God! وَاللَّهِ!

٩٠٥. By God! (By Him in Whose hand is my soul). وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ

٩٠٦. Or else ; otherwise. ... وَإِلَّا ...

وَبَرَّ

٩٠٧. The Bedu. أَهْلُ الْوَبَرِ

وَبَلَّ

٩٠٨. A flood of questions. وَابِلٌ مِنَ الْأَسْئَلَةِ

وَتَرَّ

909. The situation is still tense. لا يزال الوضع متوترًا

وَيَقْ

910. A reliable source. مصدر موثوق به  
911. He has blind faith/confidence يثق به ثقة عمياء in him.

وَجَبَ

912. There is no thanks for what is واجب لا شكر على واجب a duty. (Formal reply to thanks).

913. An action deserving of عمل يستوجب الشكر gratitude.

وَجَزَ

914. Summary of the news. The موجز النشرة headlines.

915. To end this bulletin here again وفي ختام هذه النشرة إليكم سيدي وسادتي موجزها مرة أخرى

وَجَهَ

916. That is from one aspect (of the هذا من جهة ؛ matter) but on the other ومن جهة أخرى.. hand...

917. But for my part..... ومن جهتي

918. One-way street. طريق ذو اتجاه واحد

وَحَدَ

919. Those who believe in one God الموحدون only.

920. The delegates arrived at the حضر المندوبون إلى البيت كل على حدة house singly.

وَدَّ

921. I should like to... بودي أن...

وَدَعَ

922. We say goodbye ('We place نستودعكم الله you in the keeping of God.') For example at the end of broadcast transmission.

923. Goodbye, my country! وداعًا يا بلادي!



وَسِعَ

930. I cannot do other than to say... لا يَسْعُنِي إِلَّا أَنْ أَقُولَ... ٩٣٠
931. I cannot.... لَيْسَ فِي وَسْعِي أَنْ... ٩٣١
932. Traditional phrase : 'You are the most welcome'. عَلَى الرَّحْبِ وَالسَّعَةِ ٩٣٢

وَشَكَ

933. On the point of collapse. عَلَى وَشْكِ الْإِنْهَارِ ٩٣٣
934. (A problem) on the verge of a solution. وَشِكُّ الْحَلِّ ٩٣٤

وَصَفَّ

935. In his capacity as Chairman of the Council. بِصِفَتِهِ رَأْسًا لِلْمَجْلِسِ ٩٣٥

وَصَلَ

936. The two sides have not yet reached an agreement. لَمْ يَتَوَصَّلِ الطَّرَفَانِ إِلَى اتِّفَاقٍ بَعْدُ ٩٣٦

وَضَحَّ

937. The other side requested some clarifications. طَلَبَ الْجَانِبُ الْآخَرُ بَعْضَ الْإِضَاحَاتِ ٩٣٧

924. Standard phrase for describing dignitary's reception : 'He was seen off with the same hospitality and honour with which he had been received'. وَدَّعَ بِمِثْلِ مَا اسْتُقْبِلَ بِهِ مِنْ حَفَاوَةٍ وَتَكْرِيمٍ ٩٢٤

وَدَى

925. We are poles apart (in our views) 'I am in one wadi and you are in another'. أَنَا فِي وَادٍ وَأَنْتَ فِي وَادٍ ٩٢٥

وَرَدَ

926. He was not mentioned at all. لَمْ يَرِدْ ذِكْرُهُ قَطُّ ٩٢٦

وَزَنَ

927. He is a person of no standing. لَا وَزْنَ لَهُ ٩٢٧
- ('He has no weight')

928. He is unbalanced. هُوَ غَيْرُ مَوْزُونٍ ٩٢٨

وَسَطَ

929. Of medium height. مُتَوَسِّطُ الْقَامَةِ ٩٢٩

## وَضَعَ

938. To put an end to the enemy's transgressions. **وَضَعَ حَدًّا لِتَجَاوِزَاتِ الْعَدُوِّ**
939. The plan was put into execution. **وَضَعَ الْمَشْرُوعَ مَوْضِعَ التَّنْفِيزِ**
940. An objective study. **دِرَاسَةٌ مَوْضُوعِيَّةٌ**

## وَطَّى

941. The complete form of 'ahlan wa sahlān!' (You are welcome : You have come accross your own people and you have trodden on even ground.) **لَقَدْ صَادَفْتُمْ أَهْلًا وَوَطِئْتُمْ سَهْلًا**
942. Lower your voice! **وَطِّئْ صَوْتَكَ!**

## وَطَنَ

943. The National Anthem. **النَّشِيدُ الْوَطَنِيُّ**
944. Point of weakness. **مَوْطِنُ الضَّعْفِ**

## وَعَبَ

945. We took in/absorbed the idea. **اِسْتَوْعَبْنَا الْفِكْرَةَ**

## وَعَدَ

946. The Balfour Declaration. **وَعْدُ «بَلْفُور»**  
(NB. 'The Promise of Balfour')
947. By 30 April **فِي مَوْعِدٍ لَا يَتَجَاوَزُ**  
الثَّلَاثِينَ مِنْ نَيْسَانَ (أبريل)

## وَعَزَّ

948. He hinted to him to... **أَوْعَزَ إِلَيْهِ بِأَنْ...**

## وَفَدَّ

949. And his accompanying delegation. **... وَالْوَفْدُ الْمُرَافِقُ لَهُ**
950. Those coming from abroad. **الْوَافِدُونَ**  
Foreign labour (and their dependants).

## وَفَّرَ

951. If the necessary conditions are met. **عِنْدَ تَوْفُّرِ الشَّرُوطِ**  
اللَّازِمَةِ

## وَفَّقَ

952. My success is only from God. **وَمَا تَوْفِيقِي إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ**  
(Traditional pious motto).
953. And God is the one who provides success. **وَاللَّهُ وَلِيُّ التَّوْفِيقِ**

٩٥٤. National Reconciliation. الوفاق الوطنى  
٩٥٥. Haphazardly, at random. كيفما اتفق

## وَقَتَّ

٩٥٦. Greenwich Mean Time. بتوقيت « غرينتش »

## وَقَعَ

٩٥٧. He fell in love with her. وقع في حبها  
٩٥٨. We have been faced with a وضعنا أمام الأمر الواقع  
'fait accompli'.  
٩٥٩. As was expected. كما كان متوقعاً

## وَقَفَ

٩٦٠. He took a hostile attitude وقف منه موقفاً معادياً  
to him.  
٩٦١. He was sentenced to a prison حكم عليه بالسجن مع وقف التنفيذ  
term, the sentence to be suspended.

## وقى

٩٦٢. Proverb : 'Avoid the evil of اتق شر من أحسنت  
him to whom you have إليه  
done good.'

٩٦٣. Proverb. 'Prevention is better درهم وقاية خير  
than cure' من قنطار علاج

## وَكَلَّ

٩٦٤. For sure ; definitely ; I can والله وكيلك !  
assure you ! ('God is your agent !)

٩٦٥. Traditional phrase : 'And وتوكل على الله !  
place your trust in God'.

## وَلَدَ

٩٦٦. The Prophet's Birthday. المولد النبوي  
٩٦٧. He was born in 1918. هو من مواليد سنة ١٩١٨

## وَلَّى

٩٦٨. As follows : كما يلي  
٩٦٩. He took over the government. تولى أمور الحكم  
٩٧٠. The Heir-Apparent ; Crown ولي العهد  
Prince (only if there is a royal family).

٩٧١. My Lord..... (Title of great مولانا  
respect)

## وَهَبَ

٩٧٢. A man of arts ; a gifted man. صاحب مواهب

وَهْلٍ

٩٧٣. From the first moment ; from the first glance. مِنْ أَوَّلِ وَهْلَةٍ

وَهْمٍ

٩٧٤. Illusory illnesses. أَمْرَاضٌ وَهْمِيَّةٌ

وَيْحٍ

٩٧٥. Woe to you! وَيْحًا لَكَ!

وَيْلٍ

٩٧٦. Woe to you! وَيْلٌ لَكَ!

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يَيْسَ

٩٧٧. A hopeless situation. حَالَةٌ مَيْئُوسٌ مِنْهَا

يَيْسَ

٩٧٨. He is constipated. بَطْنُهُ يَابِسٌ

يَتِمُّ

٩٧٩. An only goal. (Sports jargon.) هَدَفٌ يَتِمُّ

يَدٌ

٩٨٠. Hand-in-hand. يَدًا يَدًا

٩٨١. Through him ; by his agency. عَلَى يَدِهِ

٩٨٢. He has decisive influence لَهُ الْيَدُ الطُّوْلَى

on...

فِي ...

يَقِنُ

٩٨٣. 'My certainty of God protects me'. يَقِينِي بِاللَّهِ يَقِينِي

يَمَنَ

٩٨٤. أَذَى الْيَمِينِ  
الدَّسْتُورِيَّةَ

984. He took the constitutional  
oath.

يَوْمَ

٩٨٥. يَوْمَئِذٍ

985. At that time.